

Bank of America April 12, 1841

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of
the 9th & 10th Inst, also the 5 Regs of Silver
Coins \$22574.83 - they all came to hand
this morning - Return the warrant with
our Cashier's receipt annexed -

And remain with great respect

Yours truly yours

John A. B. King

Wm Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Albion N.Y.
April 19/41.

Dear Sir,

The bill of lading which I
sent to you yesterday was not signed by
the agent of the line, because, in fact, he
had not then received the keys of specie. I
now send you a bill in due form, which
I presume there will be no difficulty made
as to the delivery of the invoice to you.

R. M. P.

By Geo. Knapp, Esq.
Pres. of the American
Steam Navigation Co.
at New York.

Mount Wash
April 9 / 41.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 1st inst., and, in reply to
your request that ~~we~~ ^{the Society} should pay for the order
for planchets, given on the 2^d, in other words than
silver coin, I am sorry to have to state, that
this will not be in our power, and that ~~any~~ the
order can hold good, only on the terms which
accompanied it. We have now about \$3000
in coin on hand, and our distribution of these
coins is so slow that we cannot receive large
inquiries of planchets, whilst ~~in~~ ^{under} the conditions
in which we have been lately acting.

R. M. P.

I

To
Messrs. Crocker, Barr. & Co.
Savannah, Ga.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, April 9, 1841.

Sir,

The Assayers of this Mint, in endeavoring to obtain accurate and late information in regard to foreign coinage, find themselves at a loss in respect to the monetary system of British India. Our latest authorities are Kelly, 1832, and Princep, 1834; but there is reason to believe that some change has taken place since. Through Mr. Saxton, an artist employed in this Institution, we have obtained your name; and as your opportunities, in the honourable trust of Librarian to the East India Company, are doubtless equal to those of any functionary in that Service, I take the liberty to address to you the following inquiries:

1. What are the present legal standards of weight and fineness of the gold and silver coins of the three Presidencies; and when were those standards established?
2. How are the coins of the three Mints now distinguished, from each other?
3. What is the registered Annual Coinage of those Mints, for a considerable period, say ten years past?
4. Are the Mints of Native Princes still in operation; if so, which are the most important?

5. Are there any mines of gold or silver, in ~~British~~ India, now ^{that large} in production; and if so, what are they known or supposed to yield annually? — Any such statistics in regard to Java or Sumatra, would also be very acceptable. —

It is proper to inform you, that for a considerable time past, our Assayers have been collecting such materials, from all parts of the world, & from the best sources, with a view to publication. The work is so far in readiness, that the delay of sending for information to the East Indies seems too great; especially if it can be procured at London, it will be very advantageous.

Such Statements as you may be pleased to furnish, will be faithfully credited to your kind attentions, and reciprocated at any opportunity.

Dr. Thomas Horsfield,
Librarian to the Hon. East India Company
Leadenhall St. London.

Mont W. I.
April 9th, 1841.

Sir,
In compliance with the request
made in your letter of the 15th, I will
shall send you, tomorrow, the silver coins
~~now in our~~ belonging to your branch, as
by the within bill of lading: the amount
being \$22,381.35 minus \$1, the amount of
the enclosed bill of charges.

Will thank you to sign the receipt
on the margin and back of the enclosed
warrant, and return it to me by mail.

R. M. P.

W.
Geo. Newbold & Co.
Port B. America,
New York.

United States Mint
 To Crocker, Brod & Co. Inc.
 5 boxes bent Blankets 396 lbs 1000
 Paunton April 9/91
 Deduct from weight 5.12 500 1600
 \$625.50

Paunton April 9th 1891-
 R. M. Patterson Esq.
 U. S. Director
 Dear Sir:
 We have shipped for
 to \$ 627.20 -
 Very Respectfully
 Geo. R. D. D. & Co.

Tacoma April 7. 1891

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U. S. Mint
Sir.

We are in receipt of
your favor of the 2nd inst. - ordering the two
cent planchet which we shall proceed
to make & forward as fast as finished.

By an early vessel we will ship
what we have now on hand, about a ton.

As we have now on hand unsold nearly
the whole of the last amount of one cent
bill in cash, we trust you will consent
to receive a part if ^{not} the whole amount
of your late order in account of the Mint.
as we have for a very long time received
payment in cash - should not now make
the request but for the large stock on
hand -

We are.

Yours truly,

Charles D. Snow

Wash. of America April 6. 1841

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 2^d inst. and with thanks for the same, I beg to state that we had not forgotten certain Coins in the Mint belonging to the Pub. but that having omitted to remove them before the cold weather set in last Winter, we waited for Spring, and have in fact delayed sending for them much longer than we had intended -

Now I now request of you the favor to have the Coins sent to #22387 & 38 secured sent up and forwarded to us by the Camden & Fitchburg Rail Road Line, advising us by mail the day previous - I have you enclosed the Mint Receipts for the amount - If you cannot conveniently & consistently forward the Coins or herein request, you will be pleased to advise me and excuse the request - we will in that case send for them -

Remain with great respect

Richd Patterson Esq
Comdr Mint of the U.S.
Philad.

Very truly yours
Jas A. B. Ruff

Mint of the United States.

April 6th, 1841.

Tomorrow being set apart for the obsequies
of the late President of the United States, the
Director of the Mint desires that the operations of
the establishment be suspended for that day, as
a mark of respect for the Deceased, and of
grief for his loss.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To the Officers of the Mint.

Minist of the United States,
Treasury Office April 5. 1841.

Sir,

Your letter of the 5th inst. has this day been received, and I have had my account of ordinary receipts and expenditures, for the first quarter of the current year corrected, conformably to the Circular of the Comptroller of the 30th ult., and have ^{forwarded} the same to you, and trust that they may be found correct.

I have to regret that I had not a copy of the Circular of the 30th ult. prior to my forwarding you with my quarter account, the copy you were so good as to enclose, being the only one received.

Very respectfully -

Yours obed. Servt -

(Am) Wm. Finley

Treas.

Wm. Miller Esq -
First Auditor of the Treasury -

Bank of Troy
Troy (N.Y.) April 5 1841

Sir I send you by Ephm Newland Two
thousand Mexican dollars, and desire
you to deliver him quarter of dollars for
the same, if you should not have them
ready for delivery, I will thank you to
write me when they can be had

Very Respectfully
Yrs os. servt
Warren
Pres

Rob^l M Patterson Esq
Director
United States Mint
Phila

Mail of the U. S.
April 5th, '41.

Sir,
The case of weights forwarded by
you has been duly delivered by Mr. Shipman;
by whom they shall be returned, on Wed-
nesday, adjusted as you desire.

P. M. P.
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To/ }
Robt. C. Cornell, Esq. }
Receiver General. }
New York. }

Treasury Department
First Auditor's office
April 3 1840

Sir Your account of Ordinary receipts & Expenses,
for the 1st quarter of the Current year is herewith
returned in order that it may be corrected, it
not being rendered Conformably to the Circular
of the Comptroller of the 30th Ult.

Yours Respectfully

J. Miller

Wm Fenolay Esq

A copy of the Circular is
herewith sent

Legation of the United States
Paris 3^d April 1841.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of
the 10th ult^o requesting me to obtain a Supplemen-
tal Statement of the Coinage in the Mints of France
for the years 1829 and 1840. I will make the
necessary application and as soon as I obtain the
information I will transmit it to you.

I am, Sir, very
your obt^o Servant
G. M. G. S.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
U. S. Mint.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint Phila.

Office of the Receiver General
New York April 3rd 1841.

I forward by Mr. Shipman, a Case containing a Set of Troy
Weights for weighing Gold, purchased by my predecessor in Office Mr. Stephen
Allen in Boston, for the use of the Treasury Department; they proved not
correct, and were Rescaled by R. A. Mc Donald of this City; and still
differing with a Set of Weights adjusted at the Mint for the Bank of
America recently. -

Will you be please to have these weights adjusted as speedily
as practicable - and Mr. Shipman will pay the expense, if there is one
for Government Service. -

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Robt. C. Cornell.

Receiver General

Mint of the United States
April 2nd 1841.

(Dear Sir,

Our clerk of the weigh-room asks me
whether Mr. Newbold has forgotten certain coins
in the Mint, belonging to the Bank of America, as
which I stated to be ready for delivery in my
letter of the 3rd and 20th of November last. They
are

Dollars	\$5000.-
Half Dollars	7381.38
Dimes	7000.-
Half Dimes	3000.-
	<u>\$22,381.38</u>

Very respectfully
Your faithful servant

To/
Geo. Newbold Esq.
Pres^t. Bank of America
New York.

Wm. of the United States
Philadelphia April 2d. 1841.

Sir, Your letter of the 26th ult., was received
on the 29th, by the hands of Mr. Theo. H. Snow,
who deposited, at the same time, the parcel of gold
forwarded by you for coinage.

Snow sends, in compliance with your wishes,
a memorandum of the results of this deposit.

The coins are ready for delivery to Mr. Snow, when
he shall call for them.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
(Signed) R. M. P.

To C. Dewey, Esq.
Cash. Bank of State
of North Carolina.

Mint of the United States.
Treasurer's Office, April 1. 1841.

Sir,

I herewith forward you the quarterly
accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Mint, for
the first quarter of the present year; and agreeably to the
request of the Comptroller of the Treasury, the amount
of funds in my hands on the fourth day of March last.
All of which I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,

Your obedt. Servt.

(Sgd) *Wm. B. Eddy,*
Treasurer.

Seppie Miller Eddy
First Auditor of the Treasury.

CIRCULAR TO DISBURSING AGENTS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Comptroller's Office, March 30, 1844.

Sir:

You are hereby required to render your account of disbursements for the current quarter, as soon after its close as practicable; and in so doing, you will present with, and refer to, in your account current, two abstracts, one referring to vouchers for payments made for demands, which accrued prior to the 1st instant, the other to those subsequent thereto. You will, in all cases, report the amount of funds in your hands on the 1st instant.

Subsequent quarterly accounts are to be rendered as required above, should they embrace payments for demands which accrued prior to the 1st instant. You will be governed by the above, in lieu of the circular of the 22d instant.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. B. Eakin

Comptroller.

Minist of the United States

Wash^g 29. March 1841.

Sir,

In accordance with my Ltr. of the 19. inst., which was an acknowledgment of the receipt of yours of the 15th, I proceed now to state the reasons upon which I cannot admit at a proper charge against me what you, with perfect correctness, denote as the "deficit of John S. Bengel, Clerk, \$10,214.58"; and I sincerely hope that you will find in a candid and just appreciation of these reasons adequate cause for revising and relieving the adjustment you have made.

1. The individual to whose unfairness alone the deficit is chargeable has been ascertained with entire precision. Examination upon examination was made with the utmost care: first by the Director and other officers of the establishment, whose researches and results were communicated at large to the Secretary of the Treasury in a letter addressed to him by the Director dated the 11. of May 1840, a copy of which I transmitted to you on the 19. inst.; and again with the cooperation of two judicious and discriminating friends of the person implicated, leading to the same conclusion, as stated to the Secretary of the Treasury in a subsequent letter from the Director dated the 11th day of June 1840. No doubt is or can be entertained, after these repeated scrutines, that the deficiency is imputable exclusively to Mr. John S. Bengel.

The manner in which the deficiency was caused had been developed with equal clearness, and is fully explained in the letter already referred to, from the Director to the Secretary of the Treasury dated 11. May 1840. Mr. Bengel, through a series of years, commencing before I entered the institution, received from the Chief Coiner, from time to time, the proceeds of the sales of cents and half cents, which proceeds it was his duty to deposit forthwith in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer: he, however, retained a portion of these proceeds on almost every occasion, adroitly managing to prevent the abstraction appearing in the Copper accounts, and leaving the impression that, to the extent of his presentation, the Copper Coins were actually in the vaults.

2. As to the conduct and default of the Clerk of the Mint

I do not consider myself, as Treasurer, in any aspect or in the slightest degree, answerable. He was not, and is not, approvable by my predecessor, nor by me. I found Mr. Wenzel in occupation of the place, by the appointment of others, at the time I entered the Mint, and he continued his routine of duties afterwards as before. The bond given by him with duty was not given to my predecessor, nor to me, but to the Director. There is, in fact, nothing in the relation between myself as Treasurer and this Clerkship in the Mint, formally filled by Mr. Wenzel, which, by legal enactment or by effect of practical operation, could subject me to a responsibility for his delinquent.

On this side of the subject I cannot avoid thinking that the reflection of other accounting Officers have heretofore inevitably led them, I think, been instituted against John S. Wenzel by the District Attorney for the alleged deficiency, under, I presume, instruction from the Solicitor of the Treasury. How far the course of proceeding had sprung from a conviction that I was not by law, any more than by common fairness and justice, liable for the misconduct of Mr. Wenzel, I may not conjecture. But I trust you will excuse me for earnestly requesting that the whole matter may be reviewed and weighed by you, before you finally decide to persist in the debit to my account.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yrs. most obed. Servt.

James W. Barker Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury.

(Signed) Wm. Finckley
Treasurer

Mint of the United States,
March 29. 1844.

Sir,

I take the liberty to ask the favor of your influence, to obtain certain information from the proper Department of the Royal Government of Prussia. It is desirable to know,

1. What has been the amount of Prussian coinage, in gold and silver, during twenty years last past?
2. Has there been any re-coinage of Prussian money, of late years?
3. What are the legal regulations of fineness & weight, for gold and silver coins; and of fineness, for jewelry and plate?
4. How many Mints are there, in operation, in the Prussian monarchy?

Besides these statistics, any facts, from your own observation, as to the condition of the metallic currency, the comparative circulation of the two precious metals &c. will be gratefully received, and acknowledged.

The Assayers of our Mint have for some time been engaged in preparing a Work on Foreign Coins, Prussia &c. and have procured a mass of similar information, from most foreign countries, and through the best channels. It is to complete this undertaking, which I consider an important and interesting one, as well as to furnish this Institution with the means of answering queries on such subjects, that I have presumed to ask you favorable

interposition.

With great respect,
Your faithful Servt.

Wm. Henry Wheaton,
Minister Plenipotentiary, &c.

A similar letter, to
Don. Aaron Vail,
Chargé d'Affaires, Madrid,
in respect to the coinage of Spain.

Mont. U.S.

Philadelphia, March 24/41.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d inst., and I cheerfully reply to your inquiries by presenting the following statements.

Our thousand Sovereigns, taken from the circulation, weigh from 511 1/2 to 512 1/2 dwt.; or, on an average, 511 1/2 dwt.

The legal valuation, ^{under the law of 1834,} ~~supposed~~ them to be 916 ^{1/2} thousandths (or 22 carats,) fine, — is 94 ⁵/₁₀₀ cents per dwt. Hence we have $511.5 \times 94.8 = \$4857.86$, for the value of 1000 Sovereigns.

But the real fineness of ^{Sovereigns} is 915 ¹/₁₀₀ thousandths, and the standard of our own gold was raised, by the act of Jan 18, 1837, from 899.225 to 900, which makes the true value per dwt 94.623 cents, and the value of 1000 Sovereigns, $511.5 \times 94.623 = \$4842.80$

Our thousand Twenty-franc pieces weigh from 4135 ¹/₁₀₀ to 4141 ¹/₁₀₀ dwt., or, on an average, ~~the average~~ is 4138 ¹/₁₀₀ or on an average.

The law of 1834, — on the condition of their being 900 thousandths fine, makes them

a legal tender at 93 to cents per dwt. so
that 1000 pieces would be worth $4138.5 \times$
 $93.1 = \$3852.94$.

But the true fineness is only 899 thou-
sandths, and the Mint value per dwt is
92.92 cents per dwt. Hence 1000 pieces are
worth ~~\$\$\$~~ $4138.5 \times 92.92 = 3845.50$

A fund was provided for the ^{in 1837} Mint to
enable us to pay promptly for all deposits,
therefore and we have, up to this time, been
able to do so. The necessities of the govern-
ment have forced it, however, greatly to re-
duce this fund, and, if a large deposit
were now made, either of gold or silver, we
should be forced to subject the depositor
to some delay, though the improved opera-
tions of the establishment ^{enable us to} would make the
delay if any short.

A. M. P.

I

To/
W. Appleton, Esq.
Boston.

R. M. Patten Esq. Boston 22 March 1841

Sir,

I have in your report of
20 Inst. but you state the circulation
of the Foreign gold coin - and furnish some
data by which the amount of that circulation
may be calculated. - I will be under
obliges to you if you will inform me
the Practice observed in respect to receiving
+ so from Foreign - for instance if 100
Foreign notes by law 455 Dollars are counted
into half cash, what will be in this case found
the actual Product - and so of 100 Napoleons.
- Admittedly the French law ought to be
reported or modified - but I am of opinion
a modification fixing the value of these coins
a little below instead of above what they

side coin into a few more to a letter
replied - I will be much obliged to
you for the above information of the actual working
of the law. - As I am not mistaken they
think law priority for the exchange of coin for
bullion or foreign coins without delay - Is the
point actually in question to do these or are
they not?

I am respectfully
Yours very truly
W. A. Phillips

CIRCULAR TO DISBURSING AGENTS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Comptroller's Office, March 22, 1844.

Sir: You are hereby required to render your account of disbursements for the current quarter, as soon after its close as practicable; and in so doing, you will present with, and refer to, in your account current, two abstracts, one referring to vouchers for payments made for demands, which accrued prior to the 1st instant, the other to those subsequent thereto, unless your disbursements since that day have not exceeded in amount the funds then on hand. Should that be the fact, your account may be rendered as heretofore. You will, however, in all cases, report the amount of funds in your hands on the 1st instant.

Subsequent quarterly accounts are to be rendered as required above, should they embrace payments for demands which accrued prior to the 1st instant.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. L. Garrison

Comptroller.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

20 March 1844.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the
same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign
and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,
Treasurer of the United States.

William Lindley Coggs

Mint of the U. S. Philad.
19 March, 1841.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 15th inst., in which you inform me
that in addition to the balance stated by me as due to the
U. S. for the 3^d & 4th quarters of 1840, as my account
of ordinary expenses, I am ~~also~~ $\$13,601.30$
I have been charged ~~with~~ for certain small
errors of calculation of bills paid by me,
 $\$6.$ and $\$.50$ $\$6.50$
and that I am also charged with the
"Deficit of John S. Beaupré clerk" $10,214.83$ $\$10,221.33$
making the balance as adjusted by you $\$23,822.63$

The items of charge referred to, amounting to $\$6.50$,
having been charged on the books of the Mint, the balance
recognized by my account to the sum of $\$13,607.80$. The
charge of $\$10,214.83$ for the default of Mr. Beaupré,
I am constrained to say that I cannot in any wise
admit as proper against me. My reasons ~~which~~ for this
I shall have the honour of presenting to you at large at
a very early day, when I shall respectfully solicit a
revision of your adjustment.

I have the honour to be,

To James M. Butler Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury.

Yours most obed. Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Lindley

Miss W. S.

~~Feb. 17~~ March 17th, 1844.

Sir,

On the 27th ult., I wrote to the then Secretary of the Treasury to request that he would issue his warrant.

I have the honor respectfully to request that you will issue your warrant, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000,) being the balance remaining undrawn, of the ^{appropriation} appropriation for 1844, for incidental and contingent expenses.

A request similar to the above was made ^{on the 27th ult.} of the late Secretary of the Treasury, but he postponed acting upon it, and inquired, in a letter to me of the 2d inst., "what portion of the amount would be required within the next thirty days ending." On the 4th, I answered that we would require not less than \$3000, before the 1st of April. As funds have not yet been furnished to us, ~~the~~ it has become necessary for me now to renew the larger requisition.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. Thomas Ewing,
Sec. of Treasury.

Mint U.S.

March 16, 1841.

Sir,

The late drafts made on the bullion fund as the Mint have reduced our ^{amount of} coins so low, as to give me much uneasiness. ~~But~~ the system of making prompt payments for deposits, on which we have been acting for some years, ~~with~~ so advantageously, should be entirely interrupted. We could not, to-day, purchase a deposit of gold exceeding about \$26,000, or one of silver of \$18,000, and these are very small amounts. Of the gold coins on hand, \$18,490, ~~of~~ in eagles, were coined this morning; and of the silver coins \$12,130.30 are quarters, dimes, and half-dimes. All the remainder of our bullion, ^{which is less than \$50,000 worth,} is in its passage through the various operations of the Mint, and it rarely occurs that the amount, in this state, can be reduced lower.

Under these circumstances, I would respectfully urge upon the Department the importance of avoiding any further drafts upon our bullion fund, if they can possibly be avoided. Indeed, the representations made above show that ~~even~~ the purchase of even a moderate deposit of gold or of silver might put it

out of our power to honor further drafts payable
at sight.

P. M. P.

Wm. Thomas Ewing
Sec. of Treas.

Gold Coins on hand, ~~exclusive of the~~
~~amount put up for the Bank of America &c~~

Eagles - - - - - \$18490.-

Quarter Eagles - - - - - 7582.50

26,072.50

Silver Coins on hand.

Dollars - - - - - \$2388.-

Half Dollars - - - - - 3274- 5,662.00

Quarter Dollars - - - - - 10415.-

Dimes & Half Dimes - - - - - 765.-

Old Quarter Dollars - - - - - 850.-

Other Coins / Change - - - - - 100.30 12,181.30

17,792.30

Gold in Melted & Refiners hands, Oz 1338.687 - 24,905.80

Silver " do do " 9720.75 - 11,311.42

Gold in Chief Coins do . 318.778 = 5,930.78

Silver " do do do 15,202.65 17,690.36

\$103,703.13

105

59,838.33

Treasury Department.

Comptroller's Office.

March 15th 1891.

Sir,

Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses
for the 3^d & 4th quarters of 1890, have been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of
\$23,822.63 stated to be due from you to the U.S.

Balance per your account \$12,601.30

Add. Salaries of Officers overcharged

3^d quarter by calculating them
for parts of a year, instead of
parts of a quarter Viz:

William Wreath \$2.64

C. Gotrecht 3.36 6.00

" Deficit of John S. Benzel, clerk, for
which you claim audit, disallowed. 10,214.33

" Bill No 24 James Edgar, services of
two women 3 1/2 days at \$1 per day
charged as \$7.50 instead of \$5. 2.50

\$23,822.63

Your letter of the 12th instant,
containing explanations of the differences

in your Copper Accounts has been received,
and will be referred to the Auditor, to
be examined with your accounts for the
1st quarter of 1841. The overcharge of 50
cents for the distribution of Copper coins for
the 4th quarter of 1839, arises from your
charging bill N^o 12 for the transporting
two kegs and one box to Rochester N. Y.
\$2. in the abstract as \$2.50.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt^t
J. H. R. A. S.
(Comptroller.)

William Findlay Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Min^{is} of the United States,

Phil^a, March 11, 1841.

Dear Sir,

Your valuable letter of the 20th January, was received on the 25th February, thus being testifying to the improved communication between your country & ours. The Greek coins were also received in excellent order; and I beg you to accept my thanks for your promptness in this matter. Two efforts had previously been made without success to obtain such specimens.

The piece of 20 drachmas (gold) weighs 89 grs. Troy, and is 899²/₃ milligrams fine. The pr. of 5 dr. (silver) weighs 344 grs. - the smaller pieces proportionally. They have not yet been assayed, but assuming them at 900, the silver drachm would be worth, in our currency, 16³/₄ cents; that of gold, 17¹/₄ cts. This difference is of course due to the varied relations of the two metals, in the two countries.

Your account for the same is £ 1. 18¹/₂ 10, equal to \$9.40. As we shall probably hear from you again, & may receive other coins from you, this sum will be held subject to your further orders, for a time; or if we shall not be instructed, we shall take it for granted that the payment may be made, or before, to your agents Mess Gussen & Honckhausen.

I beg you will inform me if you have received the package of coins addressed to you.

I am indebted to you for the details respecting Greek Coins - also as regard to those of Switzerland, Prussia, & the

Full value. Such facts from so good authority, are always gladly received.

Your Washington Cent, of 1791, was never an authorized coinage. A few such pieces were struck, but Congress disallowed the impress of the President's head upon the coin, & therefore the pieces were not issued. There are a few specimens in the cabinets of the curious, but they are rare & much sought after. Schneider is incorrect as to our coinage - there are no dollars earlier than 1794. However, from 1791 to 1794, there were various specimens, in silver & copper, struck as an experiment, & not for circulation. Your cent of 1783, with 13 stars, was struck before we had a mint, probably at Boulton's, in Birmingham. It

never does not issue coins, so far as we have heard. Their currency is paper to a large extent, and considerably depreciated in comparison with ours.

You speak of "Hudon's Annals of British Coinage, 3 vols. London, 1840." We have seen the same work in 11 vols. of 1817; has there been a new edition published? This would be interesting for us to know.

Should it be your intention to acknowledge the good offices of Baron Prokesch, Austrian Ambassador at Athens, I beg you will present my thanks to him with the assurance that the coins & accompanying Document were duly received.

I shall be happy to hear from you at any time.

I have the honor to remain,
your faithful servant,
R. M. P.
Director, &c.

(To)
J. G. Schwartz, Esq.,
W. S. Consul,
Minneapolis.

P. S. - No authority has yet been given, by law, to strike copies of American medals. Your desires in this respect will be attended to, as soon as the means are in our power.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 10. 1841.

Sir,

On a past occasion, I enjoyed the favour
of your influence, in procuring from the Mint at Paris, a
precise statement of the amount of coinage, in gold and silver,
in the respective Mints of France, from 1803 to 1838, inclusive.
If it be perfectly convenient, I should be glad to obtain, through
your interest, a supplemental statement of the coinage for the
years 1839 and 1840.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint.

His Excy. Lewis Cass,
Minister Plenipotentiary
to &c.
Paris

allied with

March 10th / 44.

Sir,

In your letter of the 8th inst., to the Treasurer of the allied, respecting his accounts for the second quarter of the year 1844, you introduce the following item:

"Robert B. Hughes's bill for Figure of Liberty suspended for explanation," \$75.00

Now, ~~now~~ on this subject, to state, that the figure in question was a Medallion ~~for~~ the ~~figure~~ emblematic of Liberty, used on our coins, and was made for the purpose of being ~~used~~ ~~and~~ ~~forming~~ being used as a pattern for a casting in iron to be employed in a machine both by the operation of which the hubs for striking dies may be turned. The ~~whole~~ ~~illustration~~ work ~~at~~ ordered of Mr. Hughes was strictly for the regular business ~~of the allied~~, ~~and~~ ~~not~~, ~~as~~ you may perhaps have comprehended, for a

R. M. P.

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Wm. A. Barker, Esq.
First Comptroller
of the Allied

Treasury Department

Comptroller's Office,

March 10th 1841.

Sir,

Your Copper accounts for the 3rd & 4th quarters of 1839 and the Year 1840, have been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance of \$ 7834.29 stated to be due from you to the U. States.

Balance of "Copper coinage" stated by you \$ 6,742.07

Deduct. Error in bringing forward balance to 4th qr. 1840. 1.00

\$ 6,741.07

Balance of "Copper ass't" stated by you \$ 1,763.00

Add. Error in bringing forward balance to 4th qr. 1840. 1.00

Overcharge for distribution of Copper coins

1st quarter 1840.

.50

\$ 1,764.50

You have been credited with \$671.28 for expenses of distribution of Copper coins during 1st and 2^d quarters of 1831, which you will be pleased to enter in its proper place in your next accounts.

With respect to other credits claimed by you in your statement, accompanying

your accounts for the 3^d quarter 1840. you
will be pleased to furnish such evidence
in support of them as will enable the
Accounting Officers to allow them.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedtly

MS BAKER
Comptroller

William Lindley Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Minist. of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 10th 1841.
Sir,

Allow me to ask the favor of your influence with the authorities at the British Mint, to procure for ~~the~~ ^{my} ~~Mint~~, a statement of the amount of coinage, of gold and silver, within the ~~years~~ ^{period from} 1837 to 1840, both inclusive. We have statements of the coinage previous to 1837, and inquiries in which we are engaged make it very desirable that our information should be extended up to the present time. Your attention to this request will greatly oblige me.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,

Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director U. S. Mint.

To
Mr. Gulliver
Andrew Stevenson
Minister Plenipotentiary,
V. V. V.
London.

Treasury Department
First Comptroller's Office
March 8th 1841

Sir,

Your account of Ordinary Receipts &
Expenditures for the 3rd Quarter of 1840 has been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of
\$57,905.45. Attd to be due from you to the
United States.

Balance acknowledged by you is \$30,129.75
Add this sum overcharged for
Contingent Expenses of 1839 30
Warrant rec'd since this account was

rendered viz
No 5534 dated Augt 13 1840 1,000.
" 6234 " Oct 12 " 10,000.
" 6391 " Nov 2 " 30,000.
" 6615 " Dec 14 " 16,700.

Robt B Hughes bill for Sigsbee of Libert

Inspected for explanation 75.
Am't carried over Dollars 107,905.45

Amt brought over \$107.905.05
Deduct Credit Bearer's Warrant
N^o 649 dated 11th 1890 issued since
this account was rendered for 50 000.
Dollars 57 905.05

Very Respectfully
D. M. Schell
Comptroller

William Lindley Esq
Treasurer
U.S. Mint
Philad^a

New York March 4th 1841
P M Patterson Esq
Director of U.S. Mint
Phil^a Clear In

Herewith inclosed
to your address per "Jacob Schiffman" One Bag containing
a package MK DB 41 of 1 Bar Gold weighing
172 1/2 dwts - also a package containing
Five paper parcels Gold Dust No. 2-3-4-5 & 6
weight 908 1/2 Castles which please receive
in our name and have converted into coin
as early as possible -

We beg you to have the return of weight &
value of the gold in Bars kept separate from
from the Dust as it is from different parties

Please forward us a receipt for the above on delivery
and we beg to ask the favour of a line by mail
informing us of the earliest day that the coin
will be ready for delivery -

Thanking you for past favours

We beg to remain

Yr obt^d serv^t

Orms & Patterson

Treasury Department
March 2^d 1841

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th ult^o requesting that a warrant may issue in favor of the Director of the Mint for the sum of \$10,000 on account of incidental & contingent Expenses, I have to inquire whether the whole, or what portion of this amount will be required for expenditure within the next thirty days ensuing.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. Woodbury

Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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New 29/41.

Gentlemen,

Thank to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 26th, and have the pleasure to inform
you that the coins for your deposits are now
ready for delivery.

We shall take charge, as usual, of your
proposed deposits of small dollars &c., and shall
be happy to place in our cabinet the coin left
for us by the Prince of England, with whose
visit at the Mint we were much gratified.

R.M.P.

L

M Peter Ramsey Secy.
New York.

San Antonio June 26. 1841,

Alm. Latterson Esq:
Director.
N. L. Linn.

Dear Sir.

You favor of
the 22nd inst. regarding B. L. Linn. of
coils for Sch. Carter is received
agreedly to request, we
annex separate bills, of the two
planchets, receipted - H. L. Linn.

Yours Very Resp^t
Geo. R. Bro. Esq.

New York, June 26th 1841

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director U. S. Mint.

Phil^a

Dear Sir We have your favor of 25th inst. enclosing
Statement of value of Bullion Received from Patterson
for an account amounting to \$25920.28/100, we note
that a week or more may be required to have the
coin assayed, and that we shall be informed, when the
whole shall be coined, We have about 7000 Span Dollar
and a small parcel of counterfeit and rejected Dollars
which we shall send you to be coined by first
opportunity at same time We shall send you a
beautiful Silver Dollar, coin of Ferdinand, left with
us by his Excellency Prince of Anglona, late Governor
of Havana to be deposited among the collection
of coins at the Mint We are very Respectfully
yours &c. &c. &c.
Peter Harrison, Jr.

Min't of the United States
June 25, 1841.

Sir,

Enclosed I send you the Mem-
orandums of your gold & silver deposits made
on the 21st inst., amounting in gold to \$48,448.17,
silver \$11,872.11, - in all \$60,320.28.

Some recent deposits of large amount
prevent us from paying with our usual prompt-
ness, and you may be subject to a delay of
a week or more. You shall be informed
as soon as your coins are ready.

W. M. T.

Director.

W/
Mess. P. Hammond, & Co.,
New York.

Dear paid

New York, 23 June 1841

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

We beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 17th instant, enclosing memorandum of our separate deposit of 4th instant, amount \$491.69. Thanking you for your attention in forwarding it,

We are, Dear Sir, respectfully

Your most obedient servants

Howard & Aspinwall

Mint of the United States,
June 12, 1821.

Sir Thomas,

You have above a bill of lading
of the Copper Coins sent, according to your
order, & pay for your first invoice of five
casks of Copper Planchets # 889 to # 893
inclusive.

Your bill was for 1960 lbs. @ 32 cts \$627.20.

but we have deducted for
Short weight, 5.13 lbs. @c. = 1.64

Leaving, as sent per Bill of lading, \$625.56

Our Accounts require that we have from
you a separate receipt for this amount.
A separate receipt will also be required for
the last invoice sent, and this I will thank
you to forward at the same time. Your re-
mittance of Coins shall be made according
to your instructions, as soon as possible.

J. B. M. P.

Director.

To
Messrs. Crocker, Bros., & Co.,
Boston, Mass.

Legation of the United States,
Paris, 22nd June 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a tabular statement furnished this the Department of Foreign Affairs, by the Director of the Mint, containing the information desired by your letter of 2nd April last.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

^{For want of}

your obt. servant

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W. M. Patterson Esq.,
Director of the Mint
of the U. S. State,
Philadelphia

Albion, N.Y.
June 21 /44.

Sir,
Your letter of the 3rd of May having been
directed, by mistake, to Mr. Pitner, remained,
at the bank, unopened, until I within a few
days, he came on to take his office as Treasurer.
In answer to your inquiry, I have to state
that Copper Coins are still furnished by the bank
upon the same terms as formerly, for specie or
specie-funds, and a draft on New York belongs
to the latter class.

P.M.P.

To / ~~Albion~~
Amos Carpenter, Esq.
Hudson,
N.Y.

Albion, N.Y.
June 21/41.

Gentlemen,

The two boxes of bullion, sent, on your
account, from Pittsburg, arrived on Saturday, and
were opened this morning, and the contents found
as nearly as they have been examined, to correspond with the
to correspond with the bill of lading, of which
the boxes had evidently not been opened, and we have no
doubt that all is right.

The Memorandum of assay value will be
sent to you, as soon as it can be prepared.

A. M. P.

Wm. Peter Harnsey & Co.
N. Y.

Rev. Father & Son
Directors

N. S. Mills.

Sir,

Worcester June 18-1841.

Enclosed we have
bill of two parcels forwarded for
Sh. Lane & Co. both of which we suppose
have been delivered.

We have received the bill - and
thank you to have shipped for last parcel
for our place the value of same in cash
& shall be obliged by having a large quantity
in cash of \$100 each with a few shillings -
and remain.

Yours

Very Respectfully

Geo. K. B. & Co.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

19 June 1844.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,
Treasurer of the United States.

Joseph H. C. Cogswell

allent Wash
Nov 19th, 1841.

Sir,
Your letter of the 17th, to ~~Gen~~ ^{Wm} Finckley Esq.,
the late Treasurer of the allent, was received this
morning, too late to be placed in his hands, as
he left Philadelphia yesterday.

As to that part of your communication
which has regard to the Copper account, an
answer will be sent to you at an early day,
but I lose no time in returning to you the
enclosed receipt, with the explanation that
no bullion was transferred from the old treasu-
rer to the new, but coins only, ~~being~~ coins
made from the bullion purchased for coinage,
and which are stated in our books, ~~only in dollars~~
and in the accounts rendered to the Department,
only in dollars and cents. The accounts pre-
sented to the ^{First Auditor} ~~Department~~, by yesterday's mail,
will show the condition of all the public funds
in the allent, including the bullion.

R. M. P.

Walter Forward, Esq.
First Comptroller of Treasury.

Miss W. L.
June 17th, 1841.

Gentlemen
I have had the pleasure of receiving
your letter of yesterday.

In compliance with the desire expressed at
the close of it, I now send enclosed the
Memorandum of your separate deposits made
on the 4th inst.

R. M. P.

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To
Messrs. Howland & Aspinwall.

New York Jan 17th 1841

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the W. L. Mont
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Our Mr. L. L. Henry, having returned
to this City sooner than we expected, when he wrote to
you on the 14th inst. you will please to transmit the
Certificates to us after making the assay as directed
in our letter of 14th inst.

With great Respect

Your most Obedt Servant
Peter Harrison

Mint of the United States.

June 16th, 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that William Findlay Esq., the late Treasurer of the Mint, transferred, yesterday, into the hands of the new Treasurer, Joseph Pitman Esq., all the funds, books, &c., in his official possession. The receipts are sent to the Comptroller of the Treasury, according to his instructions, and the accounts, settled up to the 15th inclusive, are sent to the First Auditor. I attended, myself, to the examination of the funds transferred, and so as to be satisfied that all they corresponded with the receipts, and the balance given by Gov. Pitman, and with the balances reported in the books. These balances, in the hands of the Treasurer, were as follows:

On the Bullion Account,	\$65,299.62
On the Ordinary Account,	3,887.02
On the Copper Account, in specie and ^{and} copper coins,	7,257.30
In Subtreasury - General Fund	94,261.56
Post Office Account ^{Account}	16,386.14
Expenses Account ^{Account}	8.54
In all	<u>\$187,093.15</u>

Wm. Thomas Ewing,
Secretary of the Treasury.

R. M. P.

Minut of the United States

Treasurer's Office June 16th 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you the accounts of the ordinary receipts and expenditures of the Mint, from the first day of April to the last day of June 1841, inclusive; when my duties as Treasurer of the Mint ceased.

All of which I hope you will find to be correct and satisfactory.

Yours very respectfully,

Wm. F. Fendley

Wm. F. Fendley,
First Auditor of the Treasury.

Minst. M. & L.
June 16th, 1844.

Sir,
I have the honor to request that you will
issue your warrant, in favor of the Treasurer
of the Mint, for Five thousand dollars, out
of the following Mint appropriations for the
present year, viz:

For Compensation of Officers & Clerks	\$ 5,000
" " " " " " " "	5,000
	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

I may observe that this is ^{my} first requisition
^{under} the appropriations for 1844, except one for
a thousand dollars for "Specimens of coins and coins",
paid this day.

R. M. P.
Director.

W. Mr. Thomas Ewing,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States

Treasury Office June 1861

Sir,

Obediently to instructions received from you I have
forwarded under date April 15. 1861, I have also forward you three
receipts from Joseph R. R. as Treasurer of the Mint, duplicate
copies of which I have retained.

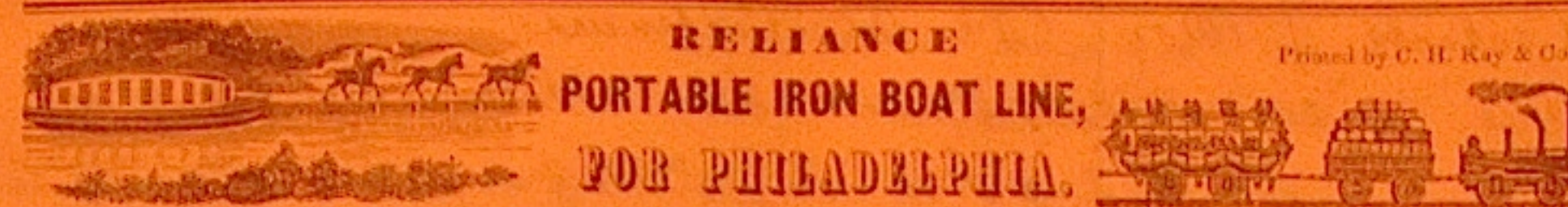
Very respectfully,

Your obedt Servt.

(Signed)

W. B. Ewing

Wm. B. Ewing
Comptroller of the Treasury.



RELIANCE
PORTABLE IRON BOAT LINE,
FOR PHILADELPHIA.

Printed by C. H. Key & Co.

By this Line, the GOODS are delivered at Philadelphia in the same boats which received them at Pittsburgh, the boats being carried over the mountains and Columbia rail-way on trucks, thus saving the trouble and risk of transshipping, and separation of packages.

JOHN J. J. ADEN & Co. Agents, Canal Basin, -Pittsburgh.
JAMES M. DAVIS & Co. Agents, 203 Market Street, -Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh, 11th June 1847

RECEIVED OF *Exchange Bank of Pittsburgh* in good order, the undernamed articles, marked as per margin, which we promise to deliver in like order, (the dangers of the navigation, fire, leakage, and unavoidable accidents excepted,) to *James M. Davis & Co.* in *Philadelphia* on *the 11th* presenting this Receipt, and payment of freight at our warehouse in *Philadelphia*, within *8* days, (Sundays, and unavoidable delays on the Railroad and Canal excepted,) of which the certificate of Supervisor, Collector, Lock-keeper, Engineer, or affidavit of Captain or Car-master, shall be evidence, *the freight for the same to be paid by the consignee.*

Dry Goods	1 00	Deer and Buffalo Skins	1 00	Pig Lead	0 87 1/2
Furs and Felt	1 12 1/2	Old Hags and Hops	1 12 1/2	Tobacco	1 00
Feathers and Bristles	1 27	Beeswax	1 27	Cotton	0 87 1/2
Glassware	1 12 1/2	Seeds of all kinds	1 12 1/2	Wheat and Rye	0 87 1/2
Wood and Dried Fruit	1 00	Bacon, Lard, Pork, Butter	1 00	Flour per barrel	1 25
Brooms	1 12 1/2	White Lead	1 12 1/2	Window Glass per box	0 87 1/2
Ginseng and Hemp	1 00	Whiskey	1 00		

Freight to be settled according to the original weight, without any deduction for waste arising from leakage or warm weather. This Receipt delivered without alteration or erasure.

A reduction of 25 cents per barrel on Flour; 12 1/2 cents per box on Window Glass; and 12 1/2 cents per 100 pounds on all other articles, will be allowed, upon condition that the Freight be paid within six days after arrival.

MARKS:

M, M No. 1 One Bag containing 9 Packages *Silver* *Dullon* weighing four hundred & three pounds 13 1/2 including the weight of the wrapper & *Chd*

M, M No. 2 One Bag containing the following articles *viz*
100 lb *Silver Dullon* weighing 27 1/2 lb
1 Bag *ditt* " including lot of 13 bag 19 1/2
1 Ball *ditt* " 2 1/2
1 Tin Canister, " 7 1/2
1 P.S. *Silver* weighing 210 parts of Grain or 10 1/2 1/2 parts of Grain
6 P.S. *ditt* marked as follows *viz*
1 P.S. No 19-1840-4. D. 22 1/2 G. *Silver* 14 g. 2 1/2 G. Gold 2 1/2 Mark 1 1/2 6 Grain
1 " " 1840-4. D. 19 1/2 G. " 14 g. 1 1/2 G. Gold 2 1/2 " 5
1 " " 2-1840-4. D. 21 G. " 14 g. 2 1/2 G. " 19 " 5. 4
Over

Contents of Box No 2 Continued
 1 Box, No 255 = 1840 = 7 1/2 lb. Silver 1620 Grains Gold 8 Marks 1/2
 1 " " 86 = 1840 = 5 lb 12 " " 12 g 3/4 grains " 3 " 7 " 1 grain
 1 " " 254 = 1840 = 8 lb 17 1/2 " " 1166 Grains gold " 3 " 1 " 5 "

Total weight of Box No 1 161 lb.
 Ditto of do No 2 134 lb.
 895 Pounds

Recd of Thomas Horns Esq Twenty Six Dollars Eighty five
 Cent in full for freight on above of Portage in Philadelphia
 \$26.85/100 Pittsburgh June 10 1841 John W. Raden & Co

Exchange Bank
 Pittsburgh June 10 1841

Director U.S. Mint Phila

Sir - I have B/L for William
 Futrell Bank Line for Two Boxes Bullion which
 please receive and hold subject to the order of B.
 Warrington & Co of New York - The weight is 895 lb
 is awaiting by express

Yrs. Respectfully
John W. Raden & Co

Mont W. S.
June 10th, 1841.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of yesterday, in which you mention that the deposits lately made by Messrs. Howland and Stephenwall, and by Messrs. Bolton, Fox & Livingston, have been transferred to your Bank, and that you wish the whole amount of the silver in small coins. I answer that we shall comply with this wish as far as practicable, but ~~that the~~ to what extent I cannot yet tell. Indeed some of your silver is already in dollar platelets, and the demand for small coins, by other depositors, is very great. Your silver deposits amount together to \$45,711.05.

The Memorandum of Messrs. Howland and Stephenwall's deposits was sent to them yesterday, and has, I presume, been put in your hands.

P. M. P.

To/ George Newbold, Esq.
President of
Bank of America,
New York.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director W. G. Mint
Philadelphia

New York June 10th 1841

Dear Sir

We duly received your letter of 7th inst. and now beg leave to inform you that Thomas M. Howe Cashier of the Exchange Bank Pittsburgh, writes us under date of 10th inst. that he has shipped the Bullion alluded to, in our letter of 10th inst. per Reliance Line, packed in two Boxes marked M M 1 & 2. On their receipt at the mint you will please direct them to be opened and the contents compared with the enclosed receipt from Reliance Line.

You will find in Box No 1 - three packages covered with New Hide ^{marked C} of which you will make separate assay and certificate, the remaining contents of the two Boxes will form another certificate. Our Mr. L. V. Quay is now on his way to Patterson and will return in a few days, on his return he will call at the mint for the certificates.

Yours m^t & c^t Servants
Peter Harmony H.

Dept of America June 9. 1841

Dear Sir

The two Mint Receipts for Silver deposited by Messrs Howland & Sparrow on the 11th inst amounting together to 9,307.31⁵⁰ and the Receipts for Gold & Silver recently deposited by Messrs Bolton Fox & Livingston amounting to \$8328.48 in Silver, and \$12000.30 in Gold, having all been transferred to this Bank, I have respectfully to request of you the favor to direct the whole of the Silver to be coined into United States Money, & half coined for our account.

I remain very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt

Roll Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad.

Jas M. Cole Esq

Mint of the U. S.

June 9. 1841.

~~Messrs Howland & Supinaatto~~

Gentlemen,

A deposit of gold silver
bullion, containing gold, made on your behalf at the Mint
on the 4th inst. is this day reported by the Assayers. I
am ~~assured by them to apprise you~~ not sure that you
are aware of the uniform regulation at the Mint, to part
gold from silver (or vice versa) only in such cases as will
yield five dollars worth, or upwards, clear of expenses.
A lower limit than this, you will at once perceive, would be
inconsistent with our scale of operations. - Under this rule,
one item of your deposit, viz: Mint number 244, a pig of
only $33\frac{70}{100}$ ounces, & containing 7 thousandths of gold, cannot be
reported, since it yields only about \$3.50 after expenses.
Your agent was positive in his instructions to keep all
the pigs separate, otherwise this small pig would have
been melted with another, & its gold would have been
available to you. - It is evident, then, that in deposits
of this kind, it is the depositor's interest (of his own accord
or not deranged thereby) to allow the ^{combination} amalgamation of small
pigs; ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~that~~ none should be under 500 ounces. -

The effect of our rule is sometimes a little disadvantageous to
depositors, ^{if they} ~~who~~ are under a necessity of keeping separate items
of small amounts; but on the other hand, it sometimes supplies
them with gold or silver partings, where they were not expected.
I am not aware what you have calculated upon, in this
respect, from the amalgam & test bottoms; but you will
find a return of gold from three melts of them.

Very respectfully

On one of the melts of amalgam pieces
& iron were found weighing 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

H. M. P.

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To /
Miss. Holland to Spinnall,
N. York.

Albion N.Y.
June 7th, 1841.

Gentlemen,

I have just received your letter of
the 5th, stating that you expect a quantity of
bullion to be ^{soon} placed in our hands, to be held sub-
ject to your order, and requesting that no steps
be taken with regard to it without your further
instructions. We shall act in this matter in
compliance with your wishes.

P. M. P.

To Peter Harmony & Co.,
New York.

New York June 5th 1848

Sir

We are daily in expectation of hearing that
a quantity of Auction has been placed in the U. S. Mint
Office either by Mr. James Mayoff in person, or forwarded
by Mr. Henry Carter of the Exchange Bank, requesting
to be held subject to our order, you will please not to
assay any part of said Auction until you receive
our instructions, which will be transmitted to you
as soon as we receive the Bill of Lading, to enable us
to present with the different masters and abstracts, in
order to have each abstract assayed & pass duly.

We are very Respectfully
your M^t &c. Servants
Peter Harrison, Jr.

To the Director of the
United States Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U.S.
June 5th, 1841.

Dear Sir,

I send enclosed a Memorandum of the
value of your deposits made on the 2d inst.,
and which was the subject of your letter of the 2d.
In compliance with your request I have the par-
ticulars of the analysis of each bar compared
with the Spanish marks upon them, I therefore
give you the following statement.

No. of Bars	Ct. & Grs. of Silver	Ct. & Grs. of Gold	Ct. & Grs. of Silver	Ct. & Grs. of Gold	Gold	
					Spanish marks	Value in U.S.
1	11.14 1/2	967	976	83	17	17
2	11.11	955	961	116	24	23 1/2
3	11.15	969	974	50	10 1/2	11
1	11.12	958	964	108	22 1/2	22
5	11.14 1/2	967	974	75	15 1/2	15 1/2
6	11.11	955	962	116	24	24
7	7.14	597	614	1800	375	371
8	7.15	601	616	1775	369 1/2	366 1/2

You will see that our assay of silver generally
uniformly exceeds that marked on the bars, - that
of gold corresponds more nearly, but is generally
a little less. We follow the same system of
assay that is used at the Faircliff. The
assaying in Spanish America is much less per-
fect.

Very respectfully,

truly yours,

A.M.P.

De

J. M. Fox, Esq.

New York June 2 1841
Mr R M Patterson
W T Smith
Dear Sir -
My dear Sir -
My nephew Mr. Fortin
has delivered to you two boxes of
bullion B#1 & 2, which may give
you a good idea of the American
mint. We are desirous of having this
bullion assayed as early as
practicable, that we may deter-
mine whether the yield of your
mint corresponds with that obtained
at Paris, where we have heretofore
sent our bullion. We will then
be able to give you the

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

2^d June 1841.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the
same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign
and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,
Treasurer of the United States.

Joseph W. Pitner Esq

Treasury Department
June 1st 1841

Sir,

The Bond of Joseph Ritner Esq. as Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia having been received in the office of the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury, a warrant has this day issued in his favor for the sum of \$1000, which amount will be transmitted by the Treasurer of the U.S. as soon as the warrant passes the usual forms of disbursements. It is now sent in reply to the request contained in your letter of the 16th of April last, being the appropriation which was made by Congress by the Act approved March 3^d 1841 for specimens of coins to be reserved at the Mint.

Very Respectfully Sir,
Heman Swett Secy.

Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Cash in Subtreasury May 31, 1841.

General Funds:

Silver.

9 Bags	(1,000)	9,000	-
4 "	(500)	2,000	-
59 Boxes	(1000)	59,000	-
2 " open	(500)	1,000	-
1 " "		480	-
Change box		4464	
Deposits per Memorandum		18,360	08
Fraction of Gold St.		118	
			89,882 20

Gold.

Open box		155	00
Deposits per Mem.		12,655	00
			12,810 00

Ready Notes.

As per last Mem.		854	52
1 - \$100, Int. 9 mos. 20 ds. 5 per ct.		104	03
1 - 100, " 3 " 22 " 2 " "		100	62
1 - 100, " 3 " 18 " "		100	60
1 - 50, " 5 " 19, " "		50	47
1 - 50, " 1 " 19, " "		50	23
1 - 50, " 5, " "		50	144
			1310 81

\$ 104,003 01

G. F. Manning.

Post Office.

Silver.

1 Bag		750	-
2 "	(600)	1,000	-
4 "		850	-
2 Boxes	(1000)	2,000	-
4 " open		2,000	-
1 "		300	-
1 "		250	-
1 "		100	-
1 "		250	-
1 "		100	-
1 "		300	-
Change box	(341.23)	341	23
1 Box open		500	-
1 "		300	-
Drives 1/2 Hines		95	-
5 Francopins 53 x 93		49	29
		9,185	52

Gold.

Eagles	510	-
1/2 do.	2,040	-
1/4 do.	715	-
		3,265
		12,450
		52

G. J. Manning.

CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

Philadelphia, May 17th 1834.

You are hereby required to have the Curbstone reset, and the Footway repaved,
opposite to ~~you~~ ^{the} ~~lot~~ ^{lot} numbered ~~30~~ ³¹ situate in ~~Christie St.~~ ^{Christie St.}
between ~~Fourth~~ ^{Fourth} and ~~Broad~~ ^{Broad} streets, in twenty days
from the date hereof, agreeably to the Ordinances of the Select and Common Councils,
passed the twenty-second day of May, 1797, and the first day of October, 1811.

By order of the Board,

B. R. M. Patterson

U. S. Minter

R. H. Smith

CITY CLERK.

Memorandum of the U. S. Phil: 18 May 1841

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, in which you add to the balance of my account of the ordinary expenses of the Mint for the 1st quarter of 1841, viz. — \$ 5,896.86 the amount which I charge as the deficit of John S. Beacy's which you direct me, \$ 10,214.83

and for an over addition in Geo. Gardem's bill No. 1. —
The Contingent Expenses, —
Making a balance, stated to be due from me, of — \$ 16,112.69

I have caused the erroneous addition of Bill No. 14 to be rectified, and the balance of this account as recognized by me is therefore \$ 5,896.86. — My reasons for declining to admit ~~the~~ myself chargeable with the amount of John S. Beacy's deficit, I have heretofore had the honor of presenting to your consideration in my letters of 19 March and 29 March last; to which letters I beg leave respectfully to refer you.

Very respectfully

(Wm. M. Smith.)

Wm. Seadley
Treasurer

Walter Forward Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.
May 11th, 1841.

Gentlemen,

Your bill for the Daily Globe, from
30th July 1839 to 30th July 1841, has been presented
and will be paid when the collector calls to-
morrow.

I do not feel at liberty to subscribe
for more than one paper for the Mint, and
that, in my judgment, should always be
the government paper. I must therefore ~~buy~~
you the paper at the deal of government un-
derstood to be the organ of the administration.
I must therefore ~~buy~~ ^{your} you to strike out the
Mint from ~~the~~ ^{your} list, after the 30th of July
next.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
P. M. Patterson,
(Director.)

To
Miss Blain & Wines,
Editors of the Globe,
Washington.

Treasury Department.
Comptrollers Office,
May 11th 1841.

Sir,

Your account of the Ordinary
Expenses of the Mint for the 1st quarter of 1841,
has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance
of \$ 16,112.69 stated to be due from you to
the U. States.

Balance per your account \$ 3,896.86
Add,

Amount, which you have charged as
the deficit of John S. Beneyet.

Clerk. disallowed. 10,214.83

Overaddition of George Gardons bill

No. 14. Contingent expenses — 1.00

\$ 16,112.69

Very Respectfully
Your Ob^t. Serv^t.

W. Forward
Comptroller

William Findlay Esq^r.
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 10. 1841.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Jan 31. was received on the 3^d instant. - Having, a year ago, placed with the Treasurer of the United States the amount of your bill, to your credit, I was surprised to find ^{learn} (as you stated) that the Fifth Auditor had rejected that item from your account. I wrote to him immediately, and this morning received an ^{assurance} acknowledgment of the sum, stating that it has been ^{credited to you.} placed to your credit. I trust you have already been informed of it, from Washington. I am truly sorry that you have been put to a necessity of seeking any explanation of such a matter, and the more so, when I consider your obliging attention to my requests.

Your letter of Sept 25. 1839, speaks of a new system of silver coinage for the Netherlands. We have seen none of these coins. ~~If you should~~ ^{have an opportunity by} ~~fall on the way~~ of a sea-captain, or public agent, or other trustworthy person, voyaging hither, who will take charge of a few specimens from you, paying you the cash for the same, to be reimbursed ~~(with fair commissions)~~ at this Mint, it will be a renewed obligation, which I shall be glad to own.

I would thank you to inform me whether the coinage of Dutch East-India (the gulden, kwart gulden &c.) is struck at Amsterdam. A few specimens of this sort are much desired.

By request of our Assayer, I write this on their prospectus,

that you may be informed of their intentions, and perceive a part
of the use to be ^{made of} ~~derived~~ from your instructions on Dutch coinage.

Very respectfully
your faithful servt.

J. W. Vandenbroek Esq.
U. S. Consul
Amsterdam

(Private.)

U. S. Mint. May 10th, 1841.

Dear Sir,

In your private note to me, of the 8th inst., you ask "what are the scientific and business qualifications of the present Melter and Refiner of the Mint?"

I answer that Dr. McClinch was not known to me when introduced into this establishment, and that my choice was fixed on another gentleman, whose high scientific claims I strongly urged. It gives me pleasure, however, to state, that Dr. McClinch has proved a most attentive & ^{skillful} successful officer, and has been, in his official conduct and private demeanor, altogether unexceptionable. A want of constant care, in this department of the Mint, may subject the public to great loss by wastage; and the occasion makes it proper for me to state that, in this respect, Dr. McClinch ^{the present officer} has been peculiarly successful. In proof of this, I have caused a table to be prepared, (which I send enclosed,) showing the amount of ~~wastage~~ ^{wastage} in the department of the Mint, ~~for the last ten years~~ ^{for the last ten years} compared with that of ~~the first eight years~~ ^{the first eight years}, and you will observe that the proportion of ~~wastage~~ ^{wastage} in the ~~two~~ ^{two} last years, ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~much~~ ^{much} ~~less~~ ^{less} than in the first eight years, ~~is~~ ^{is} the least of all. ~~Change of this department~~ ^{Change of this department}, is the least of all. At the average of the first eight years, (viz. 1.59

thousandths,) the mortgage in 1839 would have been \$4,754.77 and that in 1840 \$3,555; & that, in the first of these years, the saving to the public treasury was \$1,580, and in the second \$2,251; ~~the~~ annual salary of the officer being \$2,000. At the average coinage of these ten years, the savings would be, namely \$4,413,086, the saving would have been nearly twice as great. The annual salary of the officer is \$2,000.

On the whole, then, I think there is reason to be satisfied with the present holder of the office; but, if it be judged proper to replace him by another individual, then I beg the liberty of recommending to you the gentleman whose name I mentioned to the late administration, but without success. When Mr. Eckfeldt resigned the office of Chief Coiner, on the 11th of March 1839, I recommended Mr. Peale, (who was then holder of the office,) as his successor, and, to supply Mr. Peale's place, I made a recommendation to the President, in the following words.

"Although the office of holder of the office is not so difficult to fill as that of Coiner, it still requires qualifications rarely met with. Great trust has to be reposed in the officer, and he must use unceasing care to prevent the waste to which the operations of this department are peculiarly liable. It is, moreover, indispensable that he be a Chemist, since the processes of combining, refining, and separating the metals, which constitute his duties, are all chemical. There is fortunately a gentleman of this city who combines, in an eminent degree, the qualifications thus demanded. I refer to Mr. James C. Barth, Professor of Chemistry applied to the Arts, in the Franklin Institute, and Geologist of the State of Delaware. Mr. Barth, after

4/ completing his College Course in the University of Pennsylvania, spent three years in the Chemical Laboratories of Berlin, Götting, and Vienna, and, since his return, has made Chemistry his profession, being a lecturer at the Franklin Institute, and having a School for teaching chemical analysis at the Old Court. Such a man could not fail to bring strength and character to the staff, in a department exclusively chemical, and, as his personal character is unexceptionable, I can conscientiously recommend him to you for the office of student & Refiner."

This recommendation was supported by letters from Poppleton Ludlow, (Pleasant, of the Ministry of Pennsylvania) Hare, Stitchell, Green, A. D. Bachs, Franklin Bachs, and several other gentlemen of high standing. But the application failed, because the administration thought it desirable, at the time, that a known member of their party should be selected, and Mr. Booth, ~~was a whig~~, though not an active politician, was a whig. It is better just to state that this was the only occasion on which inquiry was ~~thought~~ ^{made} as to the party politics of ~~the~~ individuals recommended by me. I had occasion to select several officers for the Branch ^{and clubs for the club} ~~clubs~~, and, as I looked ^{only} ~~mainly~~ ^{to} their qualifications of knowledge and character, it happened that nearly all of them were whigs, - but this was never made a question. That is, was so,

on the occasion of Dr. McClinton's appointment,
is no fault of his, for he was not an applicant
for the office, but was ~~selected~~ ^{brought} after brought from
Pittsburg to take it. Since he has been among us
he has taken no part in politics; nor, ~~indeed~~, has
any officer of the office, except, ^{perhaps}, the President. I
~~have always been anxious to keep all partisan ship~~
~~out of the institution.~~ I am told, indeed, that
certificates have been sent on to Washington, by some
office hunters, that I myself made a ~~free~~ ^{free} ~~free~~
harangue, from the steps of my own house, last
fourth of July, to a collection of coal-heavers and
others. Of course you must have known, from
my whole character, ^{and habituated pursuits,} that this was false. On the
contrary, I never attended a political meeting,
— made a political address, — except a politi-
cal ~~essay~~ ^{paper} ~~paragraph~~ ^{in my life;} ~~in my life;~~
and, as to the last fourth of July, ^{and in question,} I can stand up, ~~in my life;~~
whole day, ^{of it} ~~and~~ ^{in the country,} with a
private party, ~~as to have made it my duty for~~
~~me to prove an alibi.~~

I have been told of an applicant for Dr. Eli Clinton's place, wholly unknown to the science, but who, from his position, may perhaps have secured himself with strong political recommendations. Let me beg that no such claimant be permitted to take precedence.

of Prof. Boeth, because he may have had the
delicacy not to apply for an office which he
knew to be already filled satisfactorily. There
can, in my judgment, be no ^{cause} for the
removal of Dr. McClintock that does not im-
mediately suggest point to Mr. Boeth as his
successor.

Very respectfully
and truly yours,
R. M. P.

Mr. Thomas Ewing

P.S. - Since the above letter was finished,
I have had a visit from Mr. Thomas S. Grand, who
informs me that he is an applicant for the office
of Math. & Physics, and that he speaks to you on Satur-
day with regard to it. I knew Mr. Grand, many
years ago, on his first arrival in the country, when
he gave instructions in mathematics, with which he
seemed well acquainted. He afterwards went to
Boston, and wrote elementary school books on geom-
etry and natural philosophy, which I have seen, and,
as he tells me, also on chemistry, but this I have
not seen. He is undoubtedly a man of quick
parts. He seems lately to of late years to have
abandoned the fields of science for the arena

of politics. He is undoubtedly a man of quick
parts. His appearance as a candidate does
not, in any respect, alter my conviction that
justice - positive justice - demands the preference
to Mr. Boeth, if Dr. McClintock is to be dis-
placed, which I hope is not the case. Mr.
Boeth is a real practical chemist, - a cherish-
ed member of our scientific societies, - a
man whose friends and relations are among
us, - a gentleman of modest merit, on
whose integrity we can place full reliance.

R. M. P.

(Note. - The above P.S. may not correspond,
to the letter, with that sent, - but it is substan-
tially the same. The copy is made principally
from memory.)

private

May 8. 1841

Dear Sir

I wish to know
of you what are the
scientific & business qual-
ifications of the parents
Mother & Father of the
Wink - an early an-
swer is desired

Yours Respectfully

J. Loring

Sir

R. M. Patterson

United States Mint

Bottrellman Carrison & Wicks

1 pair Small Shell 100 250 2122

7x10 by 7 Boxes Ea 50

Pittsburgh May 7 1841

2 25.87 1/2
180
36.37 1/2

Mr. C. M. Patterson

Director, U.S. Mint

Sir

Below is Invoiced re
for two for Small Ch. 100s furnished
by request of Mr. Isaac Lightner as per
your letter to him

If agreeable you can remit
as the amt

Respectfully

Bottrellman Carrison & Wicks

May 7 1841

2 Boyce Conty Chill Wills 300

SIGNED *Wm. B. E. B.*
Wm. B. E. B.

Treasury Department
Fifth Auditor's Office
6 May, 1844.

Sir,

Your letter of the 3^d inst. has been received. In reply I have to state that the accounts on the books of the Treasury of the following Consuls of the United States abroad have been credited for coins, &c. transmitted by them for the mint, viz:

J. Van der Broek,	Consul at Amsterdam	15.98
John Cuthbert,	" Hamburg	63.63
Chas. P. Gibson,	" St. Petersburg	55.28
C. J. Hambro,	" Copenhagen	22.75
G. W. Hucum,	" Rio Janeiro	25.45
		<u>\$183.09</u>

On October 1843, I referred to the Secretary of the Treasury charges contained in the accounts of Thomas H. Barker, U.S. Consul at Antwerp, amounting to florins 81^{fr}, equal to \$32.75 for coins transmitted by him for the mint, which has not yet been paid to Mr. Barker's credit on the books. On inquiry I learn that the Abstract containing the charges was transmitted on the 16th October, and the receipt of it acknowledged by you on the 18th.

I wish to request that you would direct the Consuls to claim the reimbursement of such expenses directly from the mint, as charging them in their accounts for this Office creates confusion, and gives us unnecessary trouble.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Respectfully, Your Obedt. Servt.

J. Reasoner

Robert M. Patterson, Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Havana May 4. 1841.

My dear Sir,

The Principe de Anglona, recently Captain General of this Island, embarks tomorrow for New York, on his return to Europe. He purposed staying but a short time in our country, but will visit your city if possible. I take great pleasure in commending him to you and to your circle as an accomplished gentleman, at whose hands I have ever experienced all possible manifestations of friendly regard for our country & countrymen.

Y^r friend & serv^t.
A. P. Mill.

Dr. Robert M. Patterson.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 3. 1841.

Sir,

I have this morning received a letter from J. M. Vanden Broeck, Esq. U.S. Consul at Amsterdam, in relation to an account between himself and the Mint, for a package of specimen coins, of the Netherlands, and which, according to a previous arrangement, he had charged in his account with the United States. He states that you ^{have} informed him of the rejection of this item, and that you refer him to me for payment.

I beg leave to state, that on the 6th May, 1840, I was directed by the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury to place funds with the Treasurer of the United States, to meet this and other similar bills of Foreign Consuls, from whom, (through the influence of the Department) I was favoured with specimen coins for assay, & for preservation at the Mint. - On the 12th May following, I forwarded to W. Lidden Esq. Treasr. a specie check for \$183.04, with a request to place the amount to the credit of certain Foreign Consuls, in the following order:

J. Vandenbroeck, Consul at Amsterdam,	\$	15.93
John Cuthbert, do. Hamburg,		63.63
A. P. Gibson, do. St. Petersburg,		55.28
C. J. Hambro, do. Copenhagen,		22.75
J. W. Hancin, do. Rio Janeiro,		25.45
	\$	183.04

Similar packages of coins have been sent by other Consuls. Some of them were paid here, by private arrangement; some remain unsettled, and are supposed, would be presented to us through the Department; but for want of specific bills in the latter case, nothing has as yet been done in regard to them. They are mostly for trifling amounts.

I presume the account of Mr. Vanden Borch, in relation to this matter, must have been settled, upon the receipt of my check. I shall be obliged to you sir, for information as to the state of the case. - This is the only instance in which the account has come back upon us, since the check above mentioned was forwarded.

Very respectfully

your faithful Servt.

J. Pleasonton Esq.
Fifth Auditor.

P.S. I should have stated, that this is the only instance in which the account has returned upon us.

P.S. I beg leave to ask, whether Mr. Barker, Consul at Antwerp, has ^{in any} ~~has~~ a settlement at the Department since July 1839, given in an account of a package of coins furnished by him.

Hudson 3th May 1841

J Ritner Esq

I'm five and six years
since when I wished to procure a keg of
cuts I forwarded a Draft from the Hudson
River Bank on one of the Merchants
by mail to the Director of the Mint at
Philadelphia and he forwarded to me the
keg of cuts at the risk and expense of the
United States will you be pleased to write
me whether you do the same

Respectfully yours

Amos Carpenter

Albion, N.Y.

Aug. 9 / 41.

Gentlemen,

I have to request that you will furnish us with five tons more of cast plan-
chets, upon the same terms as those last
received.

Our Coiner complains of the great in-
equality & dissimilarity of the planchets last
sent, and states that this circumstance gives
rise to much difficulty and annoyance in the
coining. I pray that the matter may be
carefully attended to.

Our Treasurer reviews the complaint as to
the weight of the planchets. On the invoice of
15 casks received on the 10th of June we lost
\$54.12, and in that of 10 casks received on the
30th of June \$33.71, by the over-weight of the
planchets, in all \$87.83, by the last order.
You will see the necessity of avoiding this error
for the future.

R. M. P.

Wm. Crocker, Esq., Secy.
Treasury, Albany

Mint U. S.
Aug. 9. '41.

Sir,
Enclosed you have a Memorandum
of the Weight & value of the gold deposited
by you on the 7th inst. Your coins are now
ready for payment.

R. M. P.
D.

To/
John W. Tallman,
No. 189 Greenwich St.,
New York.

My dear Sir
allow me to introduce to you
Gen. Gordon of Georgia.
He is desirous of viewing the
operations of the Mint, which I am sure you
will take pleasure in explaining
Very truly
G. S. Sargent

J. Patterson
the Librarian

Minst. Wash.

Aug. 7th, 1841.

Si,

In answer to your letter of the 4th inst.,
respecting the roll of ^{test} silver, ~~noted and~~
~~set apart by the old Congress in Feb. 1798, for~~
the annual assay, I have to state that it is
no longer in the Mint. At each successive
annual assay, a portion of the ^{test} silver is used,
and, though not actually destroyed, does not
again make its appearance in the Mint ac-
counts, but going informally to the Mints &
Refiners serves to diminish his ~~own~~ charges
for wastage. The amount used annually is
but 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ grains.

The roll of test silver now in use at
~~the~~ ^{our} Mint was procured ~~from~~ ^{at} the Mint at Paris,
and by Mr. Peale, and was paid for out
of the fund appropriated for his mission. Be-
fore that time, the test silver was furnished
by the Mint & Refiners, and as it must ulti-
mately return to his department, the transac-
tion did not come upon our books. The
course taken in 1798 was a needless, ~~and~~ but
I think not an improper one, and I can see

Wm. Miller, Esq.,
First Auditor.

A. M. P.

Mount M. S.
Aug 5 /41.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday, I have to state that the alloy coins only deposited of gold & silver, not of copper. This last coinage is made of copper purchased for the purpose by the mint, and we always have present the copper manufactured into planchets ready for the coining-press.

Copper coins are furnished by the mint, for their nominal value in specie or specie-funds, and are delivered at the points at which they are desired, at the expense of the mint, the bags included.

R. M. P.
D

To / M. S. Beach, Esq.
Cashier of Manufacturers Bank of New York,
New York.

Miss Wm Aug. 5th / 41.

Sir,

Your letter of the 2d inst. to the late Treasurer of the Society, has been placed in my hands, and my attention directed to the following items:

"One year's subscription to the Globe, in this account, disallowed, — \$20.00."

With regard to this charge I think it right to present to you the following explanation. — It has been considered a proper and necessary ~~claim~~ ^{charge} on the part of the Misses, to have been furnished with one paper, which may give ~~them~~ authentic notice of the proceedings of the government, and official copies of the laws passed from time to time, much of this information concerns the Misses directly, and might escape our notice, were no paper taken at the institution. ~~At the same time~~ The view which we have taken of this matter has hitherto received the sanction of the Department, as our ~~little~~ subscription charges have been allowed. Would it not be a hard case, that with the power to justify us, the last charge of this kind should be thrown back upon the Treasurer?

As to the paper taken, ~~State the liberty~~ of the just counter ^{has} seemed to be to take the paper ~~at the last~~ understood to be the official

organ of the ^{government} administration. Accordingly, the
Globe was taken during the late administration,
and the Intelligence is taken now. To show
that I acted upon this principle, before your
objection to the change for the Globe could have
been anticipated, I ~~sent~~ ^{sent} again a copy of
my letter to the Editors of that paper, when our
subscription was stopped.

May I not hope that your intervention
in your rejection of the change in question, and
that we may be allowed, in this large and
important establishment, the ~~use of~~ ^{use of} ~~some~~
paper, very moderate privilege of taking
our office paper?

A.M.P.
J

Walter Forward, Esq.
Comptroller of Treasury.

(Copy)

[Letter to Blair & Wines - May 11/41.]

Dear Sir

New York Aug 6th 1861

Will you be kind enough to inform me as soon as you can make it convenient, at what price you would manufacture cents the copper being furnished - also whether you would make any difference between scrap and ~~the~~ and copper in any other shape. We should like to know also how soon you could do some one or two thousand dollars and whether assaying them makes any difference in the price.

They are for the use of the Manufacturers Bank of Notes in this State.

A line addressed to me at 156 Nassau St New York will much oblige

Yours truly

M. M. Beach

Cashier Manufacturers Bk.

Superintendent U. S. Mint.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
August 21st 1841

Sir

Yours of the 3rd inst, in answer to mine of the
30th ultimo relative to the piece of standard silver, for
proving the assay coins, which stands charged to the
late Treasurer in his account of silver bullion is received.

Let me now inquire whether I am to understand that
this piece of silver is still in the Mint and if so why
it should not be passed over to the present Treasurer
and charged to him in his bullion account as heretofore.
If it is still in existence it would seem to be proper that
it should appear in some account — or perhaps it
should be treated as any other property in the Mint
necessary to its operation.

I am very respectfully

Your Obedt^{serv}

Robt. W. Patterson Esq

Quartermaster at the Mint

J. Miller

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

4 Aug 1844.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the
same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign
and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,
Treasurer of the United States.

Joseph Peter Esq

Wm. S.

Aug. 3d, 1841.

Sir,

In compliance with the request made in your letter of the 30th ult., received yesterday, I have caused a search to be made for the origin of the charge of \$2.24, which has for more than forty years been unadjusted at the Department, and continued to embarrass our Treasury's accounts. The search, ~~has been~~ made by my own clerk, has been successful, and the origin of the charge is shown in a Journal Entry of Feb. 12th, 1798, of which the following is a copy.

1798. Feb. 12. — "Profit and Loss Dr. To Melvin & Replier, his account of silver, received from him, by virtue of a warrant of the Director, delivered to the Commissioners appointed by law to inspect the coins of the United States, and by them retained for the purpose of proving the assays of the coin, at the examinations thereof, — — —"

1 oz. 18 dwt. 19 gr. stand'wt. silver bullion \$2.23.5"
1798. Aug. 3d. of the same date, comes forward with the above.

We cannot find any old correspondence on the subject of this item. It must, evidently, have been disallowed by the Department, but we cannot tell for what reason. An explanation of the matter for the charge can, however, be at once given now as then.

At the annual assay, a portion of silver, known to be pure, is always subjected to the same processes as the other pieces to be tested examined, and a test is thus presented of the accuracy of these processes, for ~~this piece must meet the same after~~ ^{the quality of this piece, which} since ~~the quality of this piece, which~~ ^{is known, and} may be compared with that indicated by the assay. Then a roll of fine silver is kept enclosed in an envelope sealed with the seal of the President of the Assay Commission, and preserved in the treasury, with the reserved coins for the annual assay, ~~under~~ secured by two locks, the keys of which are kept by the Treasurer and Assayer respectively.

It appears that in 1798, a portion of such fine silver was furnished, ~~from~~ by the Mint to the Assayer, for this purpose, and was charged to Profit & Loss in the Bullion account, and credited to the Mint in the same account, in as much as it was withdrawn from his possession, for the legitimate purposes of the Mint.

I think that this account should now be allowed and settled; and yet the Comptroller may not think that which we should ~~now~~ ^{at present} adopt; for there is no inconvenience in considering this reserved silver as still in the legal possession of the Mint, to whom, indeed, a small portion is returned after every annual assay, and ^{devoted to} ~~diminished~~ ^{pro tanto}, his outlay.

P. M. Patterson,

To
Jesse Miller, Esq.
First Auditor.

Direct to J. H. Stone No 10 Pine St N York

Minut U. S.
Aug. 3. 1871.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed, you have a Memorandum of the weight & value of the silver deposits made by you on the Fund.

R. M. P.,
Director.

To/
Mess. J. & S. Stone,
No. 10 Pine St.
New York.

P.S. - Owing to the great demand for small coins, it may be 2 or 3 weeks before your coins will be ready.

Miss M. S.
Aug: 2d, 1841.

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will
issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer
of the Society, for Ten thousand dollars, viz:

From the appropriation for Salaries	\$ 5,000.
to the Officers and Clerks	5,000
for pay of workmen,	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

P. M. Patterson,
(Director)

To Hon. Thomas Ewing
Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department.

Comptroller's Office

August 2^d, 1841

Sir,

Your accounts of the Ordinary Expenses of the Mint from April 1st to June 13th, 1841, have been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance of \$ 9,243.07 stated to be due from you to the U. States, which arises as follows:

Amount charged by you 4th qr: 1840
as "Deficit of John A. Beniget." \$ 10,214.83

Add Two Years Subscription to the
Globe in this account disallowed. 20.00

Deduct. \$ 10,234.83

Credits in Copper Coinage a/c prior
to 1837, transferred to this a/c \$ 760.43

Amount transferred to Joseph
Ritner, your Successor. 126.92

Your salary under Act of July 4th

1840, credited in this a/c 104.39 991.76

Balance due the U. States \$ 9,243.07

This balance does not include
in the sum of \$ 303.86 due from you as

10,214.83
7,112.91
3,101.92
10,214.83
10,214.83
991.76
9,223.07
9,223.07
add
303.86
9,526.93

Agent for the distribution of Copper Coins.
4th quarter of 1836.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c. &c.
H. Edwards
Comptroller.

William Bondlay Esq.
late Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Minist of the United States,
July 31, 1821.

Sir,

I send you, enclosed, in compliance
with your request, the memorandum of your
gold deposit ~~and~~ made yesterday, in which
the coins are now ready.

R. M. P.
Director.

To Peter Haunover, & Co.,
New York.

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
July 30th 1841

Sir

Gold Coinage to the amount of \$2.24
^{as found in the hands of the Comptroller of the Currency,}
has been charged to the successive Treasurers
of the Mint from January 1800 (as far back
as the Treasury records remain) up to the time
when Mr. Findlay's Commission was superseded
by Mr. Vickers. Some time before Mr. Findlay's
term of office expired he was written to, to
furnish an explanation in regard to this sum
in order that the proper steps might be taken to
have it dispensed with as forming part of the
balance against him on the bullion account; &
in reply he stated that he knew nothing about it,
that it had never been in his hands. The object
of this letter to you is to obtain the true history
of this amount. How it originated & what

has become of it - Your immediate attention
is requested so that the late Treasurer's accounts may
be closed

Very respectfully,
Yours obed^t & serv^t

J. Miller

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint

Mint of the United States,
July 27, 1841.

Gentlemen,

In the copy of my letter to you of the 24th, I discovered an error in addition, viz. \$11,672.11, instead of \$11,872.11. I hasten to make the correction, and also to exhibit to you more clearly the condition of your several silver deposits.

You deposited May 4th, \$201.33

Do. do. June 21st, 11,872.11

Do. do. July 8th, 484.54

Amounting in all to — \$12,557.98;

and it was upon a memorandum, to this effect, from the Treasurer's Office, that my letter of the 24th inst. was forwarded. I now learn, however, that the deposit of \$201.33 was paid to your order on the 2^d inst.; and that of \$484.54, (with \$20.13 for counterfeit coins,) was paid to Mr. Norton on the 23^d. So that the amount now remaining in the Mint, in your name, in silver, is the deposit of June 21st, viz. \$11,872.11, which, with \$14,048.17 in gold, makes the sum of \$25,920.28, transferred by you to the Bank of America. There are no other coins belonging to you, at the Mint.

Very respectfully, &c. &c. &c.

St. M. Patterson, Director,

To,

Peter Hammond & Co.,
New York.

per W. J. Cunningham,
Director's Clerk.

New York July 28th 1841

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint U. S.
Phil^a

Dear Sir We have your esteemed favor of 27th inst.
the statement therein corresponds with the certificates
transmitted to us, and all ingratiate as stated to you
in our last.

We forward to you this day by our
friend Mr. Reading of the Firm of Miller & Greene
of your City two small piles of Gold one
of them the pure Virgin Gold of Peru the other
the Gold of Central America please have them
assayed, and send us the certificate, we are

Very Respectfully
Yours
Peter Harrison H.

Friend Mr. Noy 24/61.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 23rd. — Our statement of the silver in our hands
was made up of the following deposits.

168	—	195.45
169	—	455.40
170	—	2295.23
171	—	8928.43
		<u>\$ 11,672.11 = 11,872.11</u>

There were besides ^{in 190} of Hammer Head silver \$ 484.54
Counterfeit — 27.13
\$ 511.67

but these, together with another amount of \$ 201.33
and these were paid to Mr. Norton yesterday.

R. M. P.

Wm. Peter Warming Sec.
N. Y.

Treasury Department
July 24. 1841.

Dear Sir,

A letter was addressed by the
Department to Gov. Ritner by the mail of yesterday,
which will, it is presumed, cause a suspension of any
further action in the matter to which your letter
of the 22nd instant relates, unless on a full & free
communication by Gov. R. with the Department the
necessity or propriety of a change shall be satisfactorily
shown.

Very Respectfully

T. Erving

Sec. of the Treas.

G. R. M. Patterson
Philad^a

New York July 23 1846
R. M. Patterson Esq,
Director of the Mint
Phil^a

Dear Sir your favor of 21st inst was received
last evening informing us of the amount of coins
remaining in the U. S. Mint subject to our order.
Silver \$12557.98
Gold 14048.17
There is a discrepancy in the amount of Silver coins
which you will please to explain.
In the Certificate sent us 25th inst Silver coins \$11872.11
Recommended and sent Silver and Gold coins \$504.67
\$12376.78
We have transferred to the Bank of America this City
two Certificates viz \$3282.17 & \$17637.81 } \$20920.28
to Mr. West's Certificate " 504.67.
Please to inform us if there are any more coins
belonging to us in the mint. We are very Respectfully
Yours &c.
Peter Kearney &c.

Bank of America July 23. 1871

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 21. inst. advising me that the Coins are ready for delivery for the deposits of Messrs. Boston, Fay, Livingston & Howland to be remitted to this Bank - We have also on hand, transferred to us by Messrs. P. Harmon & Co. and C. S. Smith, sundry Certificates for deposits made by them on the 21. ult. & 13. inst. amounting to \$118,721.11 in Silver and \$201,760.82 in Gold, making with the Certificates first mentioned \$58,074.85 in Silver, and \$35,750.75 in Gold - which Coins we will send for in the course of a few days, and I request therefore that you will be pleased to direct them to be received & put up -

Remain very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt.

Wm Patterson Esq

Director of the Fund
Philad.

J. H. Bond Esq

Went out
July 21/41

Gentlemen,

~~Your deposits of \$484.54 and \$1272.46
in dollars, and of \$14,968.17~~

You have deposits at the Mint amounting to
12,557.48^{in silver} and \$14,048.17 in gold. I write to
inform you that the coins are ready for deli-
very.

R. M. P.

L.

To
 Peter Harming Esq.
 New York.

Mint of the United States,
July 20, 1841.

Sir,
Your letter of the 16th inst., to the
Treasurer of the Mint, inquiring ^{whether} ~~if~~ dimes & half-
dimes, without stars, are genuine, has ~~been placed~~ ^{been placed}
in my hands, - Gov. Shidley having ~~been~~ ^{been} from
connection with the Mint, more than a month since.

In reply I have to state that the present
figure of Liberty was introduced upon the dimes
and half-dimes in 1836, but the circle of stars
did not appear till 1838, when also the figure
of Liberty appeared upon half & quarter-dollars;
but these last were never coined without the
stars. -

Very respectfully,
your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Mint.

per Geo. F. Manning,
Director's Clerk.

Wm. Allen, Esq.,
Hagerstown, Md.

Mont. W. D.
July 17/41.

Gentlemen,
I thank you for your prompt answer to
~~the~~ the inquiry made in my letter of the 15th.
It was difficult ^{was simply} ~~to find~~ ^{as to the weight}, after
mulling, of the parcel of ~~French Corn~~ ^{Marie's Corn}, the first
having given way, the loss, after gathering up the
grains, was still so great as to lead us to fear
that there had been some mistake in the first
weighing. We have determined, however, to add
the loss, and take the first weight.

Your weighing must have been very im-
perfectly made, ^{each being from 30 to 40 lbs.} ~~that of the French Corn~~ being
about 30 ~~lbs~~ too great. Indeed they entirely dis-
agree with your estimated value, which, had your
weights been correct, would have been \$1304 instead
1220 to 1230 as you supposed. The actual return
is about \$1215.40.

R. M. P.
L.

To
Miss Beebe & Marshall,
New York.

Indiantown July 16. 1841

Dear Sir,

Statement has been made in the newspapers
that there are a number of Dimes, & half Dimes, in
circulation, made of German silver, which may be
distinguished from the genuine coin, inasmuch
as they want the stars upon them. In this region
however, that there are none of 1837 that have the
stars, but in every other respect they are exact imita-
tions of the genuine coin, so far as I can discover.
May I ask the favour of you to inform me whether
the stars were left out at the mint in 1837 or am I
to consider all that are without the stars as base coins
& treat them accordingly by refusing to receive them.
With an apology for giving you this trouble
I am D^r Sir.

Yours Obedt. St

Wm. Wallace

¹⁰⁰
Wm. Fendley Esq.

Dimes and Half dimes.

Frequent notices have appeared in the papers respecting counterfeit dimes and half dimes said to be in circulation, and it is stated that they may be known by having the figure of Liberty without the circle of stars. We learn, from the best authority, that this test is not conclusive, and that the supposed counterfeits are probably ~~not~~ genuine coins. The figure of Liberty was introduced upon the dimes and half dimes in 1836, but the circle of stars did not appear till 1838. Half and quarter dollars with the figure of Liberty were first coined in 1838, but none were ever issued without the stars.

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W. V. Bennett.

July 16 / 41.

Gentlemen,

Please to introduce the above as an editorial. Frequent inquiries are made of me on the subject of the supposed counterfeits, and a Virginia correspondent has, this morning, requested a public notice with regard to it. For such a notice yours is the proper organ.

Editor of Nat^l Intelligencer.

A. M. P.
L

Mint of the U. S.

July 15, 1841.

Millenore,

On the 14th inst., you made a deposit of mixed silver coins. Did you weigh the parcel before it was sent? If so, you will oblige us by letting us know the weight which you found. We made it 535.70 oz.; but the weight after melting makes me suspect some mistake, a point which I hope it will be in your power to settle.

W. M. P.
D.

To Messrs. Deane & Paulsell,
New York.

New York July 15 1841

Dear Sir

The silver bullion in
evens according to our books
ought to yield \$1220.00 \$1230

one bag. The Munich crowns 566 oz } then weights
one bag 566 1/2 defaced silver 569 oz }
were made up in a hurry - therefore
we give you the amount it will yield
in P. & D. as near as we can
calculate vizt \$1220.00 \$1230 as above

We are very respectfully

Yours obediently

Frederick Marshall

P. M. Paterson Esq^r

The above is a statement of the silver which calls
for the same amount of gold
\$1220.00 \$1230
\$1224.00 \$1235.60

Mint N. I.

Phil., July 15, 1841.

Sir,

I send enclosed the Mint Memorandum of your deposit made on the 13th inst. I regret that it could not be prepared, as I had hoped, in time for yesterday's mail. The loss on melting may seem to you to be very great, (near 12 oz); but the amount of loss on melting grains is always uncertain.

You will please to endorse the receipt which you took from the Mint, when you paid with it. The memorandum you can keep.

T. V. M. P.

D

To/ }
Mr. Charles Parvett. }
Care of M^r E. Jarrasson, }
New York }

Post
City of France.

U. S. Consulate
Amsterdam 13 July 1841

To R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

In reply to your valued favor of 10th
May, I have to state that along with it, I received
a Letter from the 5th Auditor, informing me that my
account had been credited with the amount of the
Dolla Coins paid out by you, so that this business is
finally settled.

None of the new coins are yet in circulation,
if so, I will procure & send you a set, as I am informed
the difference between them and the old coins, only
consists in a less degree of fineness.

I herewith thank you.

One Dollar

One half D^t

One quarter D^t

With Best Java Compl
which are struck at the same Mint as the other
coins, namely at Utrecht.

You will oblige me by subscribing,
Yours truly

is no name for a copy of the Manual of Coins
at \$3.50 and sent it out whenever a Parcel goes direct
from your place to this - but in this case it is important
to tell the Captain not to put the parcel in the post
Office at Newbury, being our outport / on account
of the heavy postage then incurred - but to bring it
up to my Office himself -

I will then either send the cost of the
Book in Spain by the same Capt. or in a letter
your copy -

I have the honor to remain respectfully
Dear Sir,

Yours obed^t Serv^t
Wm. Westcott
U. S. Consul

P.S. I could not get a dupl: Set of
the E. I. Coins - should the first Set
be lost on the way, I may then perhaps
get an other.

Leesley 28/13/41

Dear Sir

Will you inform the publick if the
5 & 10 cts pieces in circulation without the Stars
are genuine or not yours One of
the Sovereigns in Virginia

Albany, N.Y.
July 12/41.

Gentlemen,
Your letter of the 7th, by Mr. A. S. T. was duly received, with the deposits of Sand dollars and counterfeit coins. At your request I sent a ^{very good} ~~one~~ of the first enclose. The second was in too small amount to be received by the bank, ^{but} a separate deposit, but has been assigned by Mr. Eckfeldt with the following result.

Weight 43.23 oz.

Fineness 360 thousandths

Value \$20.13.

And this sum will be paid to your Messrs. by Mr. Eckfeldt, when he applies for the Sand coins for your deposit of Sand dollars.

I was much gratified to receive the beautiful Coin sent for the coin by the Prince of England.

D. W. P.

Wm. Peter Warming & Co.,
New York.

New York July 10th 1844

R M Patterson Esq
Director of U S Mint
Philad

Dear Sir

We herewith forward
to your address per "Jacob Shipman" One Bag
containing Seven packages of "Gold Dust" as follows

Nos: ^{mt}
Lot No 1 E B No 1 & 4 Four packages
" 2 " " " 5 One do
" 3 " " " 6 One do } Gold Dust
" 4 E G F - 7 One do

Please keep the Value of the 4 Lots
Separate and return us a receipt as usual
and a "Return" of the Value by mail as Early as may
be - With many obligations for your prompt attention

We beg to remain
Very Respectfully

Yr Obedt Servt

Orville Patterson



(Copy)

Very respectfully,
Your obed. Servt.
James A. B. [unclear]

Mint of the United States.

Treasury Office July 28th 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you the account of the ordinary receipts and expenditures of the Mint from the first of January to the thirtieth day of June 1841, inclusive being the balance of the Second Quarter of the present year. All of which I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,

Your obed. Servt.

James A. B. [unclear]
Treasurer

Super. Miller Rogers
First Auditor of the Treasury.

Rev. J. Patterson Esq.
Dorchester.
Mass.

Dorchester July 8. 1841.

Dear Sir -

Enclosed are hand
bills of - planches, amounting to \$ 1254 1/40
for which please forward the amount in
cash mostly in small packages -

Yours Very Respectfully
Jesse K. Wright

New York, July 7th 1841

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director W. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir, We duly received your favor of 29th inst
informing us that the coins for our account were ready
This will be handed you by our respectable friend
Gen L. Angarona who will deliver to you a package
containing 1188 Gold Dollars and about 60 Greenbacks
which please to have appraised separately and send us
the Certificate. Mr Angarona whom we recommend
to your polite attention, will deliver to you the coin
left for the Mint by the Prince of Anglond. We are
Very Respectfully
yours &c &c
Peter H. Marmon, Jr.

Dear Sir

I shall have charge of the
Bills. whenever in Monday morning
rush to bring them to the mint. With
to ~~some~~ ^{be} ^{grateful} & what from will
it suit you

Yrs truly

J. A. J.

Le. Patterson

July 4.

Recd. July 5. Ans. that we would be glad
to receive the proposed mint business.

Copy.
U. S. Branch Mint,

Charlotte, N.C. 28th June, 1841.

Sir,
According to your request by favor of the 16th inst., which I acknowledge to have received on the 26th, I forward my reply to the charges made against my official ~~character~~ conduct by the Supt. of this Mint. I contain them with as much brevity as the subject will allow. And as the immediate cause of difficulty is alluded to in the 3d Specification, I will first detail some facts relating to it which do not appear in the Supt's proofs.

While busily engaged in weighing my assays, a bill containing a variety of items was sent to me, by the Store Keeper of the Mint, Mr. Perryfull with a request from the Supt., that I would sign my name to a voucher endorsed on it, apparently in his hand writing. Upon the first glance it appeared to me that this bill contained some of his private accounts. Among other items, however, were set down two sacks of salt at different prices, one at \$5, the other at \$5.50 per sack, - one purchased in February, the other in May 1840 - more than 12 months since. At this was the first occasion that the account (which was receipted & marked "duplicate") had been presented to my notice, and I had no recollection of the purchase, I passed into the adjoining room to enquire about the matter from my assistant Mr. Torres who has charge of the Refinery. He did not recollect sufficient to satisfy me that the account was correct. I therefore sent word to Col. Wheeler by his messenger, that I would enquire further of my other Assistant Mr. Ewins - that at noon I would see the Merchant of whom the salt was purchased, - have a distinct bill made out, sign it, and send to him as a voucher if the charge was a correct one against the Refinery. At that time after I had sent back

the bill, the Supt. entered my office, and with a manner most offensive and insulting, insisted upon my signing the bill, which he held in his hand, without delay or further examination, and to the serious interruption of my most pressing duties.

By cautiously abstaining from the acknowledgment of my intention for a temporary delay in signing the voucher, which reasons were offered by me to Col. Wheeler, as well as transmitted by his Messengers in perfect good faith and good feeling, you have an evidence upon the part of the Supt. of the concealment of a fact all important to the explication of results.

If I understand your instructions, Sir, as Director of the Mint, they are, that when an Officer is cognizant of any expenditure for the apartments under his charge - the bill is to be submitted to him for examination & approval, after which it is in a condition to be paid for by the Treasurer. Larger sums have been repeatedly paid for articles purchased here and designed for my apartments - the bills for which, from various vendors, have never been brought to me for signature. (A.)

The avowment that I am ^{negligent} of my official duties, I most peremptorily deny. Having charge of the Re-fining & melting rooms, equally with the assays, it is well known to you, that my presence at the Mint is not indispensable at all times - but at no time has the public service suffered by my absence, nor my men been idle in consequence of it. It is well known that the preceding winter & spring have been unfavorable for Mining operations, from unusual cold & wet, and we now receive smaller deposits in consequence.

The charge that I am absent from the Mint, "without explanation or advice", you will perceive is explained by the testimony of the Workmen, as well as that of the Clerk of the Mint, Mr. Stamps, who performs all the practical duties which bring me into contact with the Treasurer, for whom he constantly acts. I seldom see the Supt. in the Treasurer's Office, & he is often absent from the Mint for months.

After residing for some time being uncomfortably at a public house in the town of Charlotte, with repeated attacks of ague, and being unable to obtain a suitable residence near the Mint for my large family, I removed there two years ago to the country. I reside about 44 miles from Charlotte. As I am an early riser I find no difficulty in riding ^{during} my weather to perform my official duties. I consider this opportunity to be extremely valuable. It is the first instance during the two years, that the Supt. has ever intimated to me his dissatisfaction at my residence out of town. (B.)

Of my incompetency, others must judge who are capable of comprehending the duties I perform in my several offices - with the aid of two Assistants, neither of whom were acquainted with Mint practice before they were employed by me, & who are now perfected in them.

If, as stated by the Supt. my assays were oscillating & irregular, I refer to you to the Officers of the Mint who comprehend my operations, if it would be possible for me to make standard ingots for Comptrols predicated upon such incorrect assays of depositors. I have in no instance been obliged to remelt my ingots from error in assay. The provisions made by you to check the assays of ingots at the Branch Mints, and the results of the regular annual assays entirely disprove the sweeping statements of the Superintendent.

It is well known to gentlemen here, by whom it has been communicated to me, that long before the establishment of the Br. Mint, complaints, similar to those enlarged upon by the Supt. were heard with regard to the appointment in assay. Some of the merchants here understood the method of calculation by specific gravity. An approximation was made with the assistance of the Mint assays at Philad. A table of weights & values was found & certain fixed prices per dwt. attached to the bullions of the different mines, by name. Whereas we know that especially in the lower qualities of gold there is great irregularity in the fineness & value of metal taken from the same mines. The assay by our process being designed to distinguish these variations.

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Upon one occasion, when dissatisfaction was expressed, by a
very intelligent Merchant, Mr. H. W. Elms, with the assay of his gold -
who stated that he would lose a large sum by his advance to the
Mint, I took upon myself the responsibility of offering him the
bars of bullion deposited in the Mint, that he might repeat
his trials, and calculations by specific gravity, aided by another
gentleman, Mr. John Smith, of the most experience in this process.
They both declared that their former calculations were confirmed
upon repetition of the weight. I then had strips taken from these
bars in presence of the Clerk & Comptroller of the Mint, which were
enclosed to Mr. Cockfield; whose assay did not approach by
\$60 the amount they had estimated in a calculation of
\$800 worth. My exertions however enabled the Merchant to
settle equitably with the Mint. I have uniformly, with the
greatest frankness, offered every reasonable facility to correct
my own errors. The Supt. endeavors to take advantage of this.
It is indeed a practice different from his own. (C.)

You can readily perceive that the establishment of a Mint
here, must necessarily antagonize the interests of some parties,
from the rude manner in which they dealt in gold - for
although it sometimes happens that too great an ^{advance} ~~advance~~ is
made to the Mint, it, by no means, asserts that this is the
most regular result. When the Mint assay is below their
own, we are generally informed of it; in other instances the matter
is passed over very quietly. But we have the experience of
some of the old miners, that they never received so much for
their gold from the Merchants as from our assay since
this Mint has been in operation.

The agencies of the State Banks of N.C., which are es-
tablished in the Mining region, make advances like the Merchants
upon gold bullion, as at the Mint assay. It is not always ad-
vised that the holders of bullion are dissatisfied with our as-
says, because they carry it elsewhere; for very large sums
are carried with as much facility and more safety in that
form; and some quantities of gold bullion are in especial de-
mand for Manufactures.

When Col. Whelan returns here from the North, about the
1st April last, he told me in the presence of Mr. Shango, that
he had spoken to Judge Cameron the President of the State
Bank upon the subject of the gold bullion collected in Burke,
and he stated expressly, that in consequence of his conviction
of Judge Cameron's opinion, that the Pres. of the Bank had
written to the Agents or Inspectors - to send his collections of
bullion to the Mint as heretofore. The Supt. at the same
time mentioned the name of a gentleman extensively engaged
in Mining operations, to whose possessions against himself
he referred as another reason why gold was not sent here
from that District.

If I had the support of our honorable, discreet & well informed
gentleman, as Supt., your duties, Sir, would have been less
unpleasant.

I think it due to my own Character to state, that the mean
duplicity, and plausible falsehood which early convinced them-
selves in the Department of the Supt. of this Mint, deprived me
of that respect for the Man, which I strongly endeavored
to entertain for his station. Upon very great provocation, I was
obliged to state ^{my} opinion to him. Can many believe that my
frankness did not raise me in his estimation, and I have
been obliged to endure such petty official annoyances, as
he thought he could safely impose upon me. My fault
towards him, has been in yielding to a ridiculous attempt
of mock dignity, in not crediting folly & deceit as
right rules of Official Conduct, - in endeavoring to per-
suade my own duties quietly & faithfully, in believing that
my position authorized ^{my} fair dealing.

I am with great respect,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. M. Gibbons,
Assistant Master & Officer,
U. S. Mint.

Dr. P. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

A.
I certify, that when Col. Wheeler gave me an account to present to Dr. Gibbons containing a charge for two sacks of Salt, he did not mention any thing about the Director's instructions. He asked me to request the Doctor's signature to a voucher which was written on the back of the bill. When I carried the account to Dr. Gibbons, ^{and he} ~~he~~ ^{was} ~~at~~ ^{at his assaye} ~~at the door~~, I hesitated, (before I presented it,) at the door, for he has frequently requested ^{rationally} not to be interrupted at such times by any business that ^{can} be delayed. Without speaking, the Assayer held out his hand to me to advance with the paper. After looking over the account, Dr. Gibbons asked & enquired of his Assistant, Mr. Torres, who was in the adjoining room, if he knew any thing about the charge for these sacks of salt. Mr. Torres said he could not remember, it was so long ago.

Dr. Gibbons calmly told me to inform Col. Wheeler, that as soon as he got through his assaye, he would enquire further about the salt, and if it was right, he would have a separate bill made out for it & send him the voucher, as he knew nothing of the other articles contained in the account. There was no refusal upon the part of Dr. Gibbons to sign a voucher for the salt. I told Col. Wheeler so when I took the voucher back. Dr. Gibbons expressed himself with perfect civility.
Charlotte, N.C., (Signed) Wm. H. Berryhill,
28 June, 1841. Dr. Karpis.

I witnessed the above conversation of Dr. Gibbons with Mr. Berryhill, and certify to its correctness in every particular. Col. Wheeler never said anything to me about the salt, till after the difficulty with Dr. Gibbons, & I never told Col. Wheeler that I knew the salt was procured for the Refining.
Charlotte, N.C., (Signed) Edw. Torres,
28 June, 1841. Refiner.

I recollect no conversation upon the subject of these sacks of salt with Col. Wheeler. I have no knowledge of such purchase.

Charlotte, N.C. (Signed) Andrew Ervine,
28 June, 1841. Melt.

We certify, that during the absence of Dr. Gibbons, we are always instructed what arrangements are to be made, and what work is to be performed at the Mint. That he is particular to make every provision in case of assaye, and that he is not absent from his duties to the neglect of them in any manner. One of us is always prepared to inform him in case of necessity, & regular orders are given to us to be always ready for assaye on three fixed days of the week, say Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, unless interrupted by other necessary work.
Charlotte, N.C. (Signed) Edw. Torres,
28 June, 1841. Andrew Ervine.

I have often been at the Mint at sunrise to receive melts from Dr. Gibbons, who sleeps in his office when business presses. I do not know an instance in which any melt has been delayed in consequence of his absence. No weather interferes with his arrival at the Mint.
Charlotte, N.C., (Signed) Andrew Ervine,
28 June, 1841.

I certify that Dr. Gibbons consults with me as Clerk of the Mint, with regard to the necessary actions during his temporary absence from the Mint.
(Signed) Wm. J. Strange,
28 June, 1841.

(C.)

I certify, that I found two deposits of gold bullion made at the Br. Mint at Charlotte, the assays of which did not correspond with my ideas of their value. Upon representing my disappointment to Dr. Gibbons, he promptly & frankly offered the facility to check my own calculations by specific gravity, & also to repeat my trials, & afterwards by forwarding strips to the Assayer in Philad^a for confirmation. Neither the assays at Charlotte nor Philad^a, came near the value at which I had estimated the gold.

I also declare that Dr. Gibbons stated, in his opinion a difficulty arose from some unusual alloys he suspected to be contained in the bullion, & requested me to procure for him some specimens of the same description of gold, that he might have it subjected to a minute analysis by some experienced Chemist or Metallurgist, in order to gain such information as would assist him in future operations.

I consider any error which arose, was undesigned, and express my satisfaction with the manner in which it was promptly corrected.

(Signed) H. W. Claus.

Charlotte, N.C.

28 July, 1841.

(Copy)
Dr. J. M. Gibbons.
Assayer Br. Mint.
Charlotte, N.C.
June 28, 1841.
Recd July 5.
(Original sent to Dr. Gibbons July 12.)

Mint of the United States,
Sept. 29, 1841.

Sir,

In the absence of the Director, I reply
to yours of the 28th that, for dimes and half-
dimes, we prefer a deposit of Five-franc pieces
or Mexican dollars; and that, owing to the great
demand for small coins at the Mint, they can-
not be delivered in less than three or four
weeks after the deposit is made.

Very respectfully,
your faithful servt.,
W. M. Patterson, Director,
per Geo. F. Sumnering,
Assistant Clerk.

To
David J. Cohen, Esq.,
Baltimore.

DAVID I. COHEN,

Exchange Office,

No. 1, Franklin Bank Building,

NORTH ST., BALTIMORE.

UNCURRENT BANK BILLS,

TREASURY NOTES,

CUSTOM-HOUSE FUNDS,

DOUBLOONS,

AND

SPECIE OF ALL KINDS.

BOUGHT AND SOLD.

DRAFTS and NOTES on all parts of the United States collected.
SEVEN and CURE BROCKS, and the various securities of the market,
Bought and Sold on Commission.

Wm. Patterson Esq. Esq.
Mint of the U.S.
Sir

Balt. Apr. 28th 1841

I am desirous to obtain for a
Southern Institution 1000 in Dollars half dollars and cents to
enquire what coin the Mint requires to furnish the same and
in what time they would be delivered - a prompt reply will

Yrs very Respectfully
David I. Cohen

New York Sept 27th 1841

P. M. Callaghan Esq

Director of the W. & M.
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We are in daily expectation of receiving
from Santa Martha a quantity of Gold Dust, which
we shall forward to the Mint for coinage.
Our Peter Harmony Esq in company with a few
Ladies, will visit Philadelphia on Wednesday to see
the Public Works, and Institutions of your City, and will
call on you for permission to take the Mint, permit
us to select for Mr. Harmony & his little party your
kind indulgence, and polite attentions, we are

With great Respect

Yours most respectfully
Peter Harmony Esq

Treasury Department
September 25. 1841

Sir,

Your communications dated the 22nd & 23rd instant have been received. In reference to the first I have to remark that it is expected a depository of the P. Money will be selected in Philadelphia, by the 1st of the next month. The Treasurer has drawn in fav. of Maj. Beach for the balance in the sub-treasury except the amount of outstanding drafts - and the P. Office account it is understood will be closed on the 30th of this month.

Very Respectfully

Howard

Secy of the Treasury

D. R. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

President of the
United States Mint
at Philadelphia

Copper diggings Sept 24/41
Iowa Territory -

Dear Sir

I have observed in the 1st Gazette
that there has been a deposit of Silver made at the mint, from
Jackson County, North Carolina, which ore is said to be an
argillaceous carbonate of lead. 1000 parts of the bullion containing 778
of silver & 222 of lead the value of this deposit was \$8390 dollars -
the object of writing this letter is, that I may obtain some infor-
mation as to the mode and manner of smelting the ore at the
mine as myself and others are raising large quantities of Copper
Silver ore, near where I am writing this letter, and presuming the
deposit was made by some one who is interested in smelting
the ore and presuming you may know the price of the
smelting & plan of the furnace I have addressed you &
if you can impart any information to me as to the
mode of smelting or the plan of the furnace which they
are using in Jackson County you will confer a special
favor. If you have no knowledge of the plan of the furnace
please give me the Gentlemen's name who made the deposit
if he is one of the company so that I may write him
address me to Charleston Jackson County Iowa Territory
and much oblige your humble servant

John Jones

Balto Sep 24th 1841.

Sir.

Having a quantity of Plata Plata lality arrived
in the Barque Ches & Perry, and wishing to take it on to the
Phila mint tomorrow Sep 25. You will much oblige me, if the
mint could be open untill the arrival of the R R Car
from this place, as I shall leave in the morning train with
the silver and would like to deposit it as soon as
the cars arrive at your city.

You will confer a favor to the subscriber if this
request could be granted and oblige y^r ob^t serv^t.

Henry Smith

To the President of the U S Mint
Phila

(Copy)

Mint of the United States
Treasury office, September 23rd 1891

Sir,

Obediently to instructions received from you by
postcard under date September 16th 1891, I herewith forward
you three receipts from Isaac Roach as Treasurer of the
Mint; duplicates of which I have retained.

Very respectfully,

Your obed. Serv.

James M. Butler Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury -

Signed Geo. Ritter

Miss M. S.
Sept. 22d, 1841.

Sir, I have the honor to request that you
will issue your warrant in favor of the
Treasurer of the Unit, for ten thousand
dollars, viz:

From the appropriation for	
salaries of the officers & clerks	\$ 5,000.00
" for pay of bookbinders	5,000.00
	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

R. M. P.

Quarto

To/ Hon. Walter Forward, &
Secretary of the Treasury.

Albion N. S.

Sept. 29th, 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst.

Major ^{Stacy} Reach has to-day received from Joseph Butler Esq. all the funds, books, &c., in his official possession, as Treasurer of the Albion. The receipts are sent to the Comptroller of the Treasury, according to instructions from the Department, and the accounts, settled up to this day inclusive, are now to be sent tomorrow to the First Auditor. I attended myself to the examination of the funds transferred, to ascertain that they correspond with the receipts given by Major Reach, and with the balances reported on the books. These balances, in the hands of the Treasurer, were as follows:

On the bullion account.	\$ 36,926.30
On the ordinary account.	7,905.86
On the Office account.	3,567.63
In Subtreasury, General Fund \$ 4,242.64	} 15,976.93
Post Office do \$ 11,714.27	
Contingent do	

In all \$ 64,376.72

You will observe that the Subtreasury account gives a balance differing considerably from that mentioned in your letter, viz about \$200; - the nature of this discrepancy being that you have included in manifest from the following statement of the true condition of the Subtreasury at the Mint, at this time:

Amount in General Fund - \$4,282.64
 Notes rec. of Drafts unpaid \$10,043.29

(One of the drafts, dated Feb. 5, in favor of John Thomas, for \$3000 each, are presumed to have been cancelled, though no notice to this effect has been given to us.)

6,000.
 If so this will leave ~~the~~ Drafts unpaid - 4,043.29

Balance undrawn - 219.35

Amount in Post-Office Fund \$11,678.76
 P.O. Drafts
 Notes of Drafts unpaid - 8,870.89
 Balance undrawn 2,807.87

The Custom House has ceased to make deposits in the Subtreasury, but the Post-Office still continues to do so. One was made yesterday, by the Post Master at Burlington N. J., under instructions from Mr. Whittlesey, dated the 13th inst. Three notices of

of Post Office Drafts, amounting together to \$3,163.55 were received today.

While this state of things continues, it seems impossible that the Subtreasury Clerk can be dispensed with; and I know not, how this can be done, without giving rise to confusion, until the balance on hand can be finally paid over into a new depository, and the accounts of the office, closed.

A. M. P.

To / Hon. Walter Forward,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States
Treasury Office
September 22nd 1841.

Sir,

I herewith forward you the accounts of the
ordinary receipts and expenditures of the Mint, from the first
day of July to the twenty second of September 1841, inclusive,
when my duties as Treasurer of the Mint ceased. All of which I
hope you will find to be exact.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) Geo. R. Rutter

Treasurer

George Miller Rogers
First Auditor of the Treasury

Mint M. L.

Sept. 22/41.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 18th inst. —

You can have \$100 or \$200 in cents, by sending us a draft for the amt., equivalent to specie. They will be sent to you free of charge for transportation.

You will have more difficulty, I am sorry to say, as to dimes & half-dimes. For these you must, by an agent here, make a deposit of at the Mint of silver bullion or foreign coins, and the proceeds, when coined, will be paid here.

The following paragraphs, from the acts of June 28th, 1834, will answer your question as to foreign coins which are a legal tender.

Gold coins. — "The gold coins of Great Britain, — — — [Copy as marked from pp. 19-20, of Mint Laws.] — — — for debt."

Silver coins. — "The dollars of Mexico — — — [Copy from p. 20 as marked.] — — — 93 cents each."

Copper coins are not a legal tender, — not even one cent.

Wm. D. Patchin, Esq.
Cust. U. S. Mints, &c. &c.

R. M. P.

Mint of the U. S.

Phil., Sept. 20, 1841.

Sir,
I have to thank you for the notice communicated in your letter of the 16th inst., respecting the small pack age of coins, placed in your hands by my correspondent Mr. Vander Brock, for the Mint.

You will oblige me if you if you will give the package to the bearer, Mr. Jacob Shipman, who will bring it to the Mint.

I thank you for the kind offer of your services, when we shall have occasion to return the favor of Mr. Vander Brock.

R. M. P.

Director.

To/ Ch. Abel, Esq.,
Naval Office,
N. Y. Custom House.

Treasury Department
September 20th 1841.

Sir

Your communication of the 17th has been received. Maj. Roach has, no doubt, entered on the duties of his office - and as the balance in the sub-treasury to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States has been drawn for except about \$200 there would seem to be necessity for the further employment of a clerk.

Should the outstanding drafts not be presented at the Mint previous to the selection of a depository of the public moneys in Philadelphia the bal. to the credit of the Treasurer may then be paid over to that depository and the holders of the drafts referred there for payment.

Very Respectfully

D. R. M. Patterson
Philad^a

W. Howard
Sec. of the Treasury.

Aug. 1841. Toughening, for Small Coins.

Deposits to	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Deposits (C. M.)
384	85	45	887	84	21
385	138	45	889	136	45
386	584	20	895	501	39
388	867	40	897	864	80
389	225	05	896	224	05
390	126	20	898	125	92

Cont. Sent Out 1937.12

Result of the Above	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
Toughening No 1	1681	80	953	1780
2	97	75	985	106
3	23	25	913	23
4	35	04	392	15

3 sp. 1/2. Dr. 7 7/8 900 according to copy of Recd. Recd.

Cont. Recd. 1934.39

Matteage 2.73

03.1937.12 dec.

Crucibles used.	Nitre used.	Charcoal used.	Time required
1 st Day. 1 No. 60	1 st Day 1 lb.	10 1 st Day. Recd. 3	10 Day 3.30
2 do " 2 do	7 2 do	do 10	2 Day 5.00
3 do 1 No. 60	3 do	3 3 do	4 3 Day 5.00
4 do 1 No. 30	4 do	3 4 do	6 4 Day 4.00
No. 150	Pounds 23	Bush. 23	17.58 dec.

Cost of Materials, per lb.	Cost, of	Dollars, cents.
Crucibles 150 Nos. 60	4	50
Nitre 23 lbs. 60	2	30
Charcoal 23 Bush. 60	3	33
		\$10.13
	Labor 17/10	3 15
	Matteage	3 14
		\$6.29
		10.13
	Total Cost.	\$16.42 dec.

Aug. 1841. Toughening, for Small Coins.

Had according to Regis.

18.844.47 dec. Sent Out

18.808.15 dec. Recd.

36.32 Matteage

18.844.47

Quantity, & Value of Materials, used in the Above Operation.

	Dollars.	Cents.
Charcoal, 100 Bush. 60	14	50
Nitre, 250 lbs. 60	25	00
Crucibles 1025 Number, 60	30	75
Total Cost of Materials.	\$76	25
Matteage, of Silver	42	26
Total Cost.	\$112	51 cts

The above, is an abstract from a Memorandum of Operations performed on the 5th & 6th & 7th of August last - The results were not entirely satisfactory, in consequence of the accidental breaking of Crucibles, which prompted the adoption of more careful measures, in the experiment spread out in detail, on the opposite page.

Attest & Notar. Office -

Sep. 13th 1841

Perhaps Lyons
Sept. 18th 1841.

To
The Director of the U.S.
Mint, at Philadelphia

Sir,

Will you have
the goodness to inform whether you can
send on to this Institution some \$100000
in cents, & some 50000 of dimes & half
dimes? If so, & you will let me know
the amount, I will enclose you my
draft on N.Y. for the same.

Can you also, without much
trouble, inform me what Foreign Coins are
a legal tender, & at what rates? Perhaps
you may have a list of them which you
can enclose me, if so. It is difficult
to find the laws on the subject, as our
Lawyers, or few of them, have the ad-
vantage on the subject. Indeed, in conversing
with one of them the other day, he was
inclined to the opinion, that our copper
Coin was not a legal tender.

I am very respectfully,

Yours truly

Thos. M. Prichard Esq.

Miss M. L.
Sept. 17/44.

Sir,

Specimen that, under the Constitution, Gov. Pitkin's tenure of office, as Treasurer of the Mint, ceased, ^{instructed} on the action of the Senate in his case. According to the decision of the Supreme Court, as stated in a general circular from the First Comptroller's Office, issued on the 2d of Sept. 1839, the liability of ^{the} his securities, ceased when his commission expired. The Mint Treasury is now, therefore, in a situation which is embarrassing to me, and with regard to which I feel it my duty to call your attention. In ordinary cases, an officer continues to act, until another takes his place; but in those all such cases as have yet occurred here, the commission of the first officer ~~has~~ remained valid. The present case is peculiar; but I have not known what other course could be pursued than for Gov. Pitkin to continue to fulfill the functions of Treasurer until Major Reach shall be legally ^{inducted into} ~~put in possession of~~ this office. Gov. Pitkin is in possession of the Mint funds, — is personally responsible for them, — and cannot

transfer
legally ~~have~~ them ~~over~~ to any one but his
successor in office, not could any other indi-
vidual legally receive them. I have not
thought it right, therefore, to interrupt the
natural course of things in this ~~transferring~~ depart-
ment of the ~~allotment~~ and in this ~~case~~ I am
~~sustained~~ by the advice of Judge Hopkinson.

I have expected Major Beach to re-
lieve me from all embarrassment, by taking
his place among us; but he informs me,
this afternoon, that he had not received
his commission, and has no instructions
from the Department.

Let us now have yet been received from
Washington as to the Subtreasury at the
allot. Funds are still in ~~the hands~~ ^{the hands}, -
drafts still continue to be drawn upon ~~it~~, -
and a clerk is still necessarily kept em-
ployed. This state of things must, of course,
continue, until explicit instructions are
received from the Department, whether
standing the repeal of the Subtreasury law.
Although I have no official control over these
~~the~~ Subtreasury, - which is ~~of~~ the allotment, ~~indeed~~,
but ~~is~~ not ~~of~~ it, - yet I thought it right
to lay before you the present state of things
with regard to it.

~~We shall soon be called upon to settle~~

R. M. P.

W/
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

New York, September 16, 1841

Sir

I have received from my esteemed friend J. W.

Van den Broek, Esq., American Consul at Amsterdam, with whom I passed the last winter, a letter to you & drops with a small package, as he informs me, containing coins, ordered for the United States. I was requested to hand it to some person who would give it directly to you, but not having met with any acquaintance lately, going to your City, I thought I would inform you of the receipt of the letter, that probably some of your friends might be coming here, to whom I might hand it, by your request. By applying to me as below between 10 o'clock & I will deliver the packet to you. As it is very small, not much larger than a gentleman's watch, should any thing of a reciprocal nature be wished, and I could be any service, I should be most happy. I am in constant correspondence with the Consul and others in Amsterdam.

With respects I am, Dear Sir,

I am very obedient servant

Charles H. Smith

Naval Office

N. Y. Custom House.

Mont W. L.
Sep. 16/41.

Sir,
I am called upon by the Treasury
Department, for the estimates for the Mount
and Branches for 1842. Will thank you,
therefore, to have your prepared and sent to
me without delay. I need not enjoin upon
you the propriety and prudence of ~~showing~~
economy in your estimates.

Mr. Tyler returned from Springfield
yesterday. Having heard of the delay in
beginning the changes ^{preparations} at your Mount, and
of the existence of yellow fever in your
city, he has, therefore, asked from you for
some extension of his leave of absence.

P. M. P.

J. J. Kennedy, Esq.,
Sup. Br. Mount,
New Orleans.

Treasury Department
Sept. 11. 1844.

Sir

It was intended that the enclosed should have accompanied the letter from the Department of yesterday - The Messenger, however, omitted to enclose it.

Will you do me the favor to hand the enclosed to Randall Hutchinson for his brother or to have it thrown into the P. office.

Very Resp^{ly} &c
S. M. McLean

D. V. M. Patterson

P.S. You will have a Gent. in M. Pitner's place with whom you are no doubt well acquainted & who appears to be much esteemed in Philad^a. where he resides.

Brunswick, Sept. 11, 1841.

Dear Sir,

If I were less kind of your willingness I should be less anxious not to seem to be taking advantage of it by making my stay here longer than I had intended. My plans were formed for being in Philadelphia today, when I received a letter from my brother informing me that he had determined to make a short visit at home, and desiring me to wait here till his arrival. He reached here on the day that I had fixed upon for leaving; and as he limited his stay to a week, I have reluctantly consented to remain & return with him. We shall leave so as to reach Phil^a by the 17th or 18th inst.

Mrs. D. desires to be remembered. We have both been well, & have enjoyed our visit much.

With much regards to my Unit friends,
I remain, with much respect,
Your friend,

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Unit. }

W. D. Sumner.

Treasury Department
September 10. 1841.

Sir

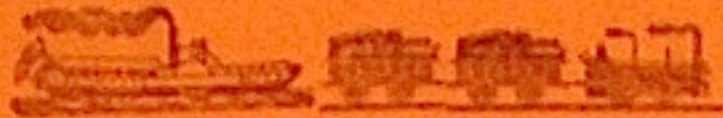
I transmit enclosed a package
of Coins received at the Department of State
and referred to this Department.

They were
sent by the Consul of the U States at Leipzig.
Yours Obedt. S

T. Erving
Sec. of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia.

G. F. Noddy, Stationer and Printer, cor. Wall and Water sts.



Marks & Numbers.

P. B. Tyler
Care of
Dr. P. M. Patterson
Phila.

Dr. W. C.
Command
Capt.
4 23
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1 03
4 33

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Office in Philadelphia, South Wharves, immediately below Chestnut Street, W. B. FREEMAN, Agent.
New York, on Pier No. 2, North River, A. DICKINSON.

\$200

New York, *Sept 8* 1841.

Received from

Dr. P. M. Patterson
marked and numbered as per margin, which we promise to forward (dangers of fire, water,
breakage and leakage excepted; and not holding ourselves responsible, if lost, stolen, or dam-
aged, beyond the value of Two Hundred Dollars per package, unless insured by mutual agree-
ment,) to

Dr. P. M. Patterson
in Philadelphia, upon presenting this receipt at our office, foot of Chestnut street, and paying
freight therefor.

For the Proprietors.

Dickinson

Small
 Dr. R. M. Patterson New York City
 Philadelphia
 Dr. 10

Answered please find
 receipt for various transportation lines for my son & wife
 crossed for ship Louisville from New Orleans forwarded
 to your address by order of R. M. Patterson N.Y. at foot
 find memorandum of expenses for Receipt

Ticket from New Orleans	1.90
Expenses from Louisiana	81
Cash	50
Rebates	27
Remainder	1.45
	<u>\$ 4.23</u>

Yours Respectfully
 Edgar M. Patterson
 Agent

Bank of the State of New York
7 September 1841

Mr. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Bank of New York

Dear Sir

Herewith you will receive
two packages, of Gold Bullion containing Resolutions passed at
the late meeting, which you will please have stamped
according to the list, each parcel separate. The coin Mr.
Snow will call for on his return from New York. If
you can conveniently let us have some amount of bullion, we
shall be greatly obliged.

Very respectfully
Wm Wood
C. Dewey

P.S.
This letter was intended to be sent by Mr. Alex. H. Snow who
has in charge the two packages of Gold Bullion above mentioned
but in the hurry of leaving, it was overlooked.

Rich of America Sept 7. 1841

Dear Sir

We omitted to send for the
Coins as intimated in my letter of the 23^d.
I beg now to state that
Mr. R. Newman a Clerk in this Bank will
go on for them tomorrow - You will
please direct that the Coins may be
delivered to him and in time to enable
him to bring them on by the early line
on Thursday Morn^g. -

Remain very respectfully
Yours Obedt Serv^t
Jas. H. Cole Treas^r

Rich Patterson Esq^r
Quinter W^hellert
Philad^a

Springfield September 1st 1841

Dear Sir,

I received your letter on my return from Boston last Saturday evening, and I hasten to inform you, that I have arranged my business so as to start for Philadelphia on the 10th inst.

I have received letters from my Nephew & the foreman of my department, stating that the business of the Mint had gone as I desired up to the 19th ult. and that they expected the operations would be stopped on the 22nd or 23rd inst. so that I do not think there is any particular importance attached to the letter from Mr. Cammick but suppose they ~~are~~ contain bills for articles purchased for my department requiring my approval, or something of that kind.

I have visited Boston, Canton & Lowell; examining all the mills and machine shops I could hear of, and am now prepared to set my face towards the South with a cheerful heart.

I may be detained a day or two on my way.

Most Sincerely

Your faithful servant

W. R. M. Patterson

Philos^r B. Tyler

Mint of the U. S.
Phila Sept 14. 1841

Sir,

Your communication of the 10th Inst,
accompanying a statement of the Mint affairs of Prussia,
has this day been received; of which fact I hasten to inform
you, and at the same time beg you to accept my thanks for
the attention you have bestowed upon my request. The information
is precisely such as was desired; and I may add, will be
gladly reciprocated from this Mint, whenever it may be
asked.

Very respectfully
your faithful Servt.
Wm D
Director

His Excy Henry Wheaton
Envoy Extraordinary &c &c
Berlin.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Register's Office,

Septem- 3rd 1841.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the usual Estimates for the year 1842, may be prepared and transmitted to this office, as early as convenient, for the purpose of being laid (by the Secretary of the Treasury) before Congress at the ensuing session.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Wm. A. R. R.

Register.

Robert Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Mint U. S.
Oct. 30, 1841.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with the request of
Mess. Geo. P. & Co., of Charleston, under date
of 11th inst., I send ^{you} the enclosed Memorandum
of a deposit of gold made by them
in your favor. The amount ~~XXXXXX~~
(\$1186.26) will be paid to your order, en-
dorsed on the Memorandum, and the coins
will be ready in a few days, - say by Thurs-
day next.

H. M. P.

Director.

(To)

Mess. Pickens & Co.,

New York. }

Mint U. S. Oct. 28, 1874.

Gentlemen,

Your deposit, sent by Mr. Plamon de Tals, as announced in your letter of the 26th, has been duly received, and the memorandum of the value of the gold will be sent to you as soon as it can be prepared. I write ~~to~~ now to inform you that two assays have been made by us of the copper which you also forwarded. The results show that the amount of silver and gold, contained in the copper, is only one-thousandth part of the whole, and that of this only one-tenth is gold. The value of these metals would therefore fall far short of the expense of separating them. This mass can be used, then, only as copper, and is not suited to the operations of the Mint. We hold it subject to your order.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant

(Signed)

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To

Peter Harmony & Co.
New York.

Mint U.S.

Oct. 27th, 1841.

Sir,

The adoption, at the Mint, of the new system of coining, has thrown upon our hands some screw coining-presses, and other machinery, which are, and must remain, quite useless to us. These presses, deprived of all the appendages which adapt them for coining, would be ~~useful~~ still valuable to button-makers, lamp-makers, and some other trades. I am desirous of selling them, as they ~~have~~ ~~become~~ ~~handicraft~~ ~~or~~ ~~an~~ occupy room which is needed by us; but I have not judged it right or prudent to take this step without your consent, - for which I therefore now apply. Sales of articles useful to the Mint have heretofore been made, and, on such occasions, the proceeds have always been ~~appropriately~~ ~~used~~ credited on our books to the United States, and used for ~~contingent~~ paying contingent expenses.

I am engaged in collecting facts for the
communication which you requested from me
with regard to French claims, and hope to
make report to you on the subject in a few
days.

P. M. P.

D. M.

To
Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

New York October 26th 1841

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We send by the bearer Mr Ramon de Lalle
our block, our Box containing about Ten Thousand Dollars
in Gold Dust and Bars, for coinage, he will also deliver ~~to~~
to you one Bag of Copper of which our Mr. Harmony spoke
with you, the Copper from the same mine has always
had the reputation of containing a considerable portion
of Gold, our object is, to comply with the views of the
mint, by having a Bag fairly amalgamated, at the expense
of losing the Copper, we shall feel greatly obliged by your
report of the assay, which with the Certificate of the Gold
please transmit to us by Mail. We are

With great Respect
Yours most truly
Peter Harmony & Co.

Mint of the United States
Phila. Assayer's Office Oct. 26, 1881

A note from Mr. Richards' correspondent has been handed to us, with a view to ascertain whether an error has not been made in the returns of gold and silver bullion deposited at the Mint in that gentleman's name, on the 20th inst. We are anxious to give every explanation in our power, & have to regret that it must be so little satisfactory.

Mr. R's correspondent states that the bullion cost per invoice, \$3787.18. Our return (disregarding deductions) amounts to \$2584.43 - making the prodigious difference of more than 1200 dollars.

He suggests that there must be an error in our weight; the Mint mem. shows 184 ozs. less on the silver, and 7 ozs. less on the gold, than his invoice. - We have here, in such cases, as complete a guard against error, as could well be contrived. The silver bullion, for example, weighed 2099.60 before melting; it was then passed through the furnace, weighed again in its new form, & resulted 2095.20, exhibiting a customary trivial loss, & proving the correctness of the first weight. The same proof applies to the gold, which in the first

amounts to \$2584.43, - making the prodigious difference of more than \$1200.
He suggests that there may be an error in our weight; the Mint Memorandum showing 184 ozs. less on the silver, and 7 ozs. less on the gold, than his invoice. - We have here, in such cases, as complete a guard against error, as could well be contrived.

weighing was 76.32 ozs. and in the second, 76.26.

It is possible that Mr. K's corresp. speaks of the Spanish ounce, which is equal to only 444.5 Troy grains; ours is the Troy ounce, of 480 grains. If he has taken the Spanish weight the discrepancy is nearly, tho' not entirely, removed.

Notwithstanding, if the weight were the same as he states it, the addition would go a very short way towards making up the large difference of 12.00 dollars & more. To prove this: 184 ozs. silver at the same quality, would give \$158.

7 ozs. gold	do	do	do	72.
				\$ 230.

Add this to our return, & it still shows nearly 10.00 dolls. short.

Let this go to prove (what the appearance of the bars would indicate) that some unfair transaction has taken place, previous to shipment. The bars were whitened, or pickled, with a view to give them a better outside than belongs to them; a practice of which we notice a good many instances. - The silver was only two-thirds fine - a very common proportion for U. Amer. plate - & we supposed it was plate melted down. The gold was about "half & half" - a common proportion for jewelry.

Mr. K's corresp. must perceive therefore, that his billings could not have realized \$3787, unless it had been a great deal finer than it was, to say nothing of weight. - Had the gold been 18 carats, & the silver 99 per cent. fine, his invoice

amounts to \$2584.45, - making the price given difference of more than \$1200.

He suggests that there may be an error in our weight; the Mint Memorandum showing 184 ozs. less in the silver, and 7 ozs. less in the gold. We have here, in

price not have been realized, but they were very far below those rates, as already stated.]

The Director of the

Minist of the United States

Oct. 26th, 1844.

Dear Sir,

I have ^{received} the note which you sent by your New York Correspondent, making inquiry whether some error has not been committed in the returns made of a deposit of gold and silver, made at the Mint, in your name, on the 20th inst.

I have to state, first, that ^{collected} ~~the~~ ^{all} the information that can be found on the subject, and the following are the results.

First, it did not appear that the box had been opened. The ~~number~~ ^{numbers} were four gold bars: the ~~number~~ ^{number} of silver bars were not counted.

Your Correspondent states that the cost of the bullion, per invoice, was \$3787.18. - Our return, (disregarding deductions,) was amount to \$2584.13, - making the prodigious difference of more than \$1200.

He suggests that there may be an error in our weight; the Mint Memorandum showing 184025 lbs in the silver, and 7025 lbs on the gold, than his invoice. - We have here, in such cases, as complete a guard against

even as could well be expected. The silver bullion in question was found to weigh, before melting, 2099.60 ozs; it was then passed through the furnace, and cast into bars, and was found to weigh, after melting, 2095.20, - exhibiting a customary small loss, and confirming the first weight. The same proof was applied to the gold, which weighed 76.32 ozs before melting, and 76.26 after.

It is possible that your Correspondent may have confounded the Spanish with the Troy ounces, and as there are about 13 of the former to 12 of the latter, this would nearly, though not entirely, remove the discrepancy of the weights.

But if the weight were even the same as your Correspondent states it, this would go but a short way toward making up the large deficit of \$1200; for, of the quality which we found the metals to possess,

184 ozs silver would give	\$158
7 " gold " "	72
	230.

And this, if added to our return, would still show a loss, from the invoice of nearly \$1000.

All this goes to prove re. — — —
as already stated. (See enclosed)

J. V. M. P.
Director.

To/ }
G. W. Richards, Esq.,
No. 36 Sen. Front St.
Philad^a.

Albion, N.Y.
Philadelphia, Oct. 25th, 1841.

Dear Sir,

Our ~~Chief~~ Chief Commissioner, Mr. Hall, has written to John Barton Esq., Comptroller of the British Mint, for a certain apparatus employed there, and which we are desirous of introducing. He has referred him to you for payment, and to ask that you will take charge of the apparatus and forward it to us. Let me pray that you will have the goodness to undertake this commission. Your bill on this Mint for the amount of charge shall be duly honored.

A. M. P.

J. Petty Warran, Esq.
No. 70 Fenchurch St.
London.

Albion N. Y.

Oct. 20th, 1841.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ult., making inquiry as to the furnace used for smelting silver ore, and ~~referring~~ ⁱⁿ particularly ^{at} to the ~~ore~~ plan used for the new silver mine in North Carolina.

I am sorry that it is not in my power to give you a satisfactory answer to your inquiry. The ore from the Davidson mine ~~has~~ is at present carried to New York, and smelted there in the ordinary test furnace. The nature of the ore gives facilities for this ~~process~~ ^{method}, as the lead is itself a flux. I have no knowledge, however, of any of the details of the process. The principal proprietor of the mine is, or ~~has~~ ^{was} ~~formerly~~ ^{now} Thomas Blackburne of this City, who has made the deposits at the mint. It is his intention to erect a smelting furnace here.

~~He might, perhaps, give you the info~~

I do not think he would be the most suitable person, however, to give you the information you desire. The person to be employed by you must depend upon the nature of your

~~very~~ and on the point you give no up and
the first step to be made should be a care-
ful analysis of the ore. I would ^{advise} ~~recommend~~
~~send~~, therefore, that you send on fair specimens
from your mine for this purpose, and I
~~can recommend~~

To make the analysis, and to give
you all the information you require for smelting
and smelting your ore, I recommend to you
Professor James C. Beeth, Franklin Insti-
tute, Philadelphia. This gentleman I
studied the whole subject thoroughly in Germa-
ny, and practices it professionally here.

I should be very glad to be able to aid
you in this matter. I feel anxious that silver
mines be brought into operation in the United
States. They are better than gold mines.

A. M. P.

D

W
John Jones, Esq.,
Charleston, Jackson Co.,
Iowa Territory.

Treasury Department -
Comptroller's Office
October 20th 1844 -

Sir,

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses from
1st July to 22nd September 1844, has been adjusted at the
Treasury and a balance of \$10. stated to be due from
you to the U. States. which is the amount of newspaper
subscriptions disallowed in your last Account.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obt. Serv.
(Sigs) - S. M. Baker,
Acting Comptroller -

Joseph Bates Esq
Late Treasurer of the Unit.
Philadelphia -

The original of which the above is a true copy has been retained
by former Treas. - December 9. 1844. -

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
October 20. 1841

Sir,

Your account of Ordinary Expenses from
1st July to 22nd September 1841, has been adjusted at
the Treasury and a balance of \$10. stated to be due
from you to the U. States - which is the amount of news-
paper subscription disallowed in your last account -

Very respectfully
Yours obt. Servt.
Signed J. M. Butler
Acting Comptroller -

Joseph Peter Esq.
Late Treasurer of the Unit,
Philadelphia.

The original of which the above is a true copy has been retained
by Governor Butler. Dec. 9. 1841. J. M. B.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
October 13, 1841.

Sir,

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses from the
1st to the 31st June 1841, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and
a balance of \$7,037.27 stated to be due from you to the U. S. Tre.

Balance for account - - - - - \$7,037.27

Add, -

Subscription to the Intelligence, disallowed - - - - - 10.00

Warrant No. 9039, dated August 3, 1841,

issued since the period for which your
account was rendered - - - - - 10,000.00

\$17,047.27

Very respectfully,

Your obedt Servt
(Signed) S. M. Backe

Acting Comptroller

Joseph Bates Esq -
Late Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

The Original, of which the above is a true Copy, has been retained by
Governor Bates - Dec: 9. 1841 - Bk

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office,
October 13th 1841.

Sir,

Your account of ordinary expenses from the 16th
to the 30th June 1841, has been adjusted at the Treasury and
a balance of \$17,047.27, stated to be due from you to the U.
States.

Balance for your account	\$ 7,037.27
add,	
Subscription to the Intelligence, discontinued	16.00
Warrant No 6039, dated August 3 rd 1841, for and since	
the period for which your account is rendered	10,000.00
	<u>\$ 17,047.27</u>

Very respectfully
Your obed Servt
Signed S. M. Badger
Acting Comptroller.

Joseph Peters Esq
late Treasurer of the Unit.
Philadelphia.

The original of which the above is a true copy, has been retained by James Wilson
Secy. 8. 1841-
JW

Mint N. S.

Oct. 11, 1841.

Sir,

I have duly rec'd your letter of the 8th inst., with the enclosed check for \$100, which amount, in cents, is forwarded to you according to your request.

You can get small silver coins from the Mint, only in return for silver bullion or foreign coins; and these must be deposited here by an agent on the spot, to whom also payment will be made.

R. M. P.
Director.

A. G. Sanby, Esq.,
Postmaster,
Utica, N. Y.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir
Please put up a
key of cents - usual type
& direct it ships to
"Bank of Geneva" Geneva
S.S. I send the bill
to you & oblige

Yrs Truly
Samuel R. Wheeler
Thurs. Oct 11/41

Director U.S. Mint

London Oct. 8. 1841 -

Mr. Patterson Esq.
Director
Gen.

We are in receipt
of your letter of the 6th inst. - & have since
received 22 Regt. placards, for Del. Am. Jan.,
amounting to \$2,592.08 -

We have received the bill &
will thank you to forward, via Canal,
the amount in cert. in package of the same
in as heretofore to Messrs. R. & S. Wells,
New York -

Yours Respectfully
Yours Obedt. S.

George Broderick

Post Office Office
Oct. 8th 1844.

Sir,

I Enclose a draft on New York for \$100. for which
please forward me the amount in cents to the order
of Messrs Livingston, Butler & Co. please advise me
the regulations of the Mint in relation to furnishing
small coins.

Very respectfully,
Yours,

A. L. Dauby

To the Director of the Mint }
Philadelphia }
Penn }.

The small coins that I wish is Half dime - advise
me what I shall send you to obtain \$100. of them -

Alfred W. S.
Oct. 6 / 41.

Gentlemen,
I have received your letter of the 4th
inst., and I consent to your proposition to
send us two tons of copper planchets on the
same terms as hitherto.

A. W. S.
J. W. S.

To
Messrs. Crocker, Barr. & Co.
Vacant, Wash.

San Fran Oct 4. 1841
Rev. Patterson Esq.
Director U.S. Mint
San Fran

Having unexpectedly
disposed of the copper coin recently received
from the mint, & thus being a prospect of
disposing of a further quantity this autumn,
we will for permission to forward you
five or ten long planches payable in
cents as heretofore -
We are

Srs.
Most Respectfully
Yours
Jacob D. No. 2/4

~~Minut of the Unit. States~~
~~Nov. 22d, 1841.~~

~~Dear Mr. Stone,~~

Minut. U. S. Nov. 30/41.

Friend, In answer to your letter of yesterday, I have to state that your small coins will be ready for delivery on Friday next.

R. M. P.
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To/ Messrs. J. V. Stone,
N. Y.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24th, 1841.

Sir,

In the estimate of the expenses of the Mint for 1842, which I sent to you on the 10th inst., I thought it proper to confine myself. I did not think it proper to introduce any but the usual and indispensable items. There is another appropriation, however, for which I consider of great importance to the Mint, and for which I am very anxious. It is for ten thousand dollars, for the purchase of a lot adjoining that on which our building is erected.

To explain the importance of this purchase I beg leave to state the following facts.

1st. That with the exception of a mere passage-way to the West, ~~the~~ the Mint building occupies the whole of the ground belonging to the establishment; so that there is not a spot, nor even a lot, on which a room, or even a road that, can be erected.

2d. That our ~~present~~ building is entirely occupied by our ~~own~~ ^{present} operations.

3d. That there is no lot that can ever be used for any useful addition to the Mint, except that of which I ask the purchase, — it being the only vacant lot adjoining our establishment.

4th. That we now rent the lot in question
for picking away our wood, - an ^{agreement} ~~privilege~~ need
say to our purposes, and of which we may be
displeased at any day.

5th. That the Lt wanted is for sale, and may be purchased at a moderate price.

5th. That if it should be sold to any corner, and built upon, the light and air would be shut out, to a very inconvenient extent, from the western rooms of the abbey, in which the furnace are placed.

The whole vacant lot is 104 feet by 100 in extent, and has one front on Penn. square and another on Broad Street, being thus in the heart of the city. It could be purchased for \$25,000; and the acquisition of the whole of it would be very desirable. I am aware, however, of the ^{great} embarrassments of the Treasury, and therefore confine my ~~business~~ ^{desires} ~~regard~~ to so much of that part of the lot adjoining the Mint as may be purchased for \$10,000 or less, — say 35 or 40 feet front on Penn. square, by 104 along the street lot.

An application similar to the above, was made to the Department last year, and was declined, by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the ground that ~~the~~ instructions of ^{the} Treasury were not in favor of such a recom-

~~violation of any extraordinary~~ ^{existing} ~~administration~~ ^{at that time}
 might seem like dictating to their successors.
 This ~~ground~~ ^{difficulty} of ~~dictation~~ ^{being removed}, I now
 take the liberty of renewing my ~~affectionate~~ ^{personal} ~~interest~~

P. M. P.

To Mr. Walter Forward,
Secy. of Treasury. }

Min't of the United States

Nov. 29th, 1846.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt ^{of the 27th inst.} of your letter
of the 24th inst., with the collars &c. belonging
to the Jefferson case, for which I made enquiry
in my letter of the 11th, and I beg you to accept
my thanks for your attention to my wishes in
this behalf.

R.M.P.

Dear

J. A. Washington, Esq.,
Commissioner General.

New York Nov 29th 1841

Will you please inform us if our
small coin are ready & if not please say
how soon they will be and oblige us

J. S. Stone
No. 11 Wall St.

Minist. of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 27th, 1841.

Sir,

My salary, as a Clerk at the Mint, under the ~~act of June 14th 1840~~ act of July 14th 1840, entitled "An Act to provide for the collection, safe keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the Public Revenue," was duly settled up to the 13th of August last, the day on which the above act was repealed. As the Mint was still continued, ^{by the Treasury} ^{and Post Office} ^{Departments}, as a depository of public moneys, until new arrangements could be made, my services were deemed necessary by the Treasury, ~~with the approbation~~ and also by the Director; and they were accordingly rendered up to the 22d inst., inclusive, when ^{my further employment} ~~these services~~ was discontinued with by your order. I now, accordingly, respectfully present in compliance with your direction of the 20th inst., ~~have~~ the respectfully present to you the following statement of my account for the services thus rendered, ~~and~~ claiming compensation at the rate of \$800 a year, the salary which I received while acting under the aforementioned law.

For 17 days in August	\$ 37.67
" September	66.66
" October	66.66
" 22 days in November	48.88
	<u>\$ 219.87</u>

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
J. W. P.

I do hereby certify that the services for which
Mr. Jos. W. Pundy claims compensation in the above
account, were, in my judgment, ^{for the public service.} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~would any~~
~~one~~ ^{be} ~~entitled~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~time~~
of my entering ^{the} ~~office~~ ^{office}, and were punctually,
carefully, and faithfully discharged & performed.
J. W. P.

Treasurer of the allotment.
Nov. 27, 1841.

I do hereby certify that the services for which
Mr. Jos. W. Pundy renders the above account, were, in
my judgment, indispensable, - that they could not
have been performed by any other Clerk employed
at the allotment without great inconvenience and confu-
sion, - and that they were discharged by him with
skill and fidelity.

R. M. P.

Director of the allotment.
Nov. 27, 1841.

Mint of the U. States,
Nov. 26. 1841.

Sir, In answer to the inquiry made in
your letter of the 24th, I have to state that the
Standard of British Silver coins, (since 1816,)
is 925 thousandths, and the weight such that
one pound Troy of Standard Silver will
make 66 shillings. If, then, your English
coins be of full Standard weight, 20 shil-
lings should be worth \$4.34.... in American
coins. They will probably yield you, at the
Mint, 119 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce.

You are probably aware that the British
government have established a Seignorage
upon their silver coins in consequence of
which they are overvalued relatively to gold,
while they are not made a legal tender
for sums over 40 shillings. The British Sovere-
ign, if of full weight and Standard, would
be worth \$4.86.... in American gold coins.
As it is habitually defective in Standard, however,
its average Mint value is but \$4.84....

If your British coins are not new, and
especially if they are small, such as shillings

and difference, they will probably fall
much below their legal weight, and you
can only estimate them by their actual
weight. At the Mint they can be received
only as so much bullion.

P. M. P.

G. W. Strait, Esq.,
100 Chatham St.,
N. York.

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 25. 1841.

Sir,

I am somewhat at a loss to reply to your letter (received this morning) inquiring the value, at this Mint, of "English Silver, per Pound Sterling." - Foreign coins are received here for re-coining, as bullion, not by count, but by weight. The value of English Silver coins, at their usual fineness of $11\frac{1}{2}$ or 925 thousand, is $119\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce.

You are aware that ^{British} silver coins earlier than 1816, are worth six per cent. more, by tale, than those since that date. Moreover, it would be very important, in replying to your inquiry, to know in what shape the silver is; whether in small coins or large; how much worn, &c. - In a word, it is impossible to estimate upon them, otherwise than per ounce.

If you should deposit any amount of such coins (over \$100 in value) you will receive the full value, that is, the same amount of pure silver, in our small coins, deducting a trivial charge for alloy - less than ten cents per \$100. - However the present demand for small coins is so urgent, that you will be obliged to await your turn, a few weeks.

Mont. Vt.

Mar. 25th, 1841.

Sir,

Under the authority given in your letter of
the 9th inst., the old press and other articles no
longer of use at the plant, were disposed of at
public sale, and an account of sales is herewith
sent to you, in compliance with your instructions.

A. M. P.

J

W

Hon. Walter Forward,
Sec. of Treasury.

Commissary General's Office

Philadelphia November 26th 1777

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th instant, and to send herewith a small parcel containing two rings & three pins which the Military Store Keeper informs was among your gear when the same were deposited, but were not known to belong to them.

The seventh ring, to which you allude, was found with the others, and as it appears to belong to an Indian medal, Capt. Hayforn concluded it would be advisable to deliver it with those you applied for.

I am respectfully

Yours obed^t Serv^t
Washington Syson
Comm^{rs} General

Deaf R M Patterson
Director Artillery

Sale by C. C. Mackay Auctioneer Nov 22^d 1841
by Order of Mr Franklin Peale

1	Large Press	\$250.
1	do	190.
1	do	107.50
399	lbs Cast Steel a 11 1/4	43.89
826	lbs do a 10 1/2	86.73
	State Duty & Comm'r & Agents	\$ 678.12
		44.08
	Weighting	\$ 634.04
		50
		\$ 633.54

Check = \$633.54

Gold = \$600.31
Premium 33.23
\$633.54

Cash

(C-1)

Sold by C. C. Bradley, Auctioneer, Nov. 22, 1911, by order
of Mr. Franklin Peck.

1. Sarge Rep.	\$250.00
1. " Do.	190.00
1. " Do.	107.50
399 lbs cast steel 2 1/2 cts	43.89
826. " " Do 107.	86.73
	<u>\$ 678.12</u>
State duty, Commission, advertising	14.88
	<u>634.04</u>
Shipping	50
	<u>\$ 633.54</u>

Wid. July 3, 1912. - The above is a correct copy of a Sale
made by me by order of Franklin Peck Esq.

(Signed) C. C. Bradley

Wid. July 3, 1912. The above sum of \$633.54 was paid to me
in "current funds", as it was deemed advisable to make this an
of the cashiers of the Sale. To convert the same in funds
for the use of the Wid., I exchanged them for "new" current
funds" being at that time at a discount of 5 1/4 per cent.

(Signed) Franklin Peck

Chief Clerk

Mint of the United States
Treasury Office, Feb 4. 1842.

Sir,

I have return agreeably to your request, the
Statement of the Chief Cashier, of Amount received by him for old Coins,
Paper, and other Machinery, with Certificate of Authenticity and
a statement of the item "Premium paid for specie."

Very respectfully,
Your obed. Servt.

(Signed) J. R. R. R.

Sepe Minder Engine
First Condition of the Treasury -

revenue -

100 Chatham St. N.Y.

24th November 1841

Dr. Sir,

I have a quantity of English
silver on hand will you please to inform
me at what rate per Pound Sterling it
is taken at the Mint in Philadelphia
and oblige

Yours very respectfully
J. W. Strait

P.S. Will you be kind enough to inform me
the Mintage of halves and quarter dollars
J. W. S.

Dear Sir,

Wm. West

Dear Sir - You were to inform me
"shortly" when you would be prepared to
make the application to the Secretary of the
Treasury about the Woodcut. Let what we
were induced to purchase, chiefly by the assurance
made that the West must buy it. What every
effort would be made to induce the Secretary
& Comdr. of Navy, I mean, to accommodate
the fugitive works - The omission to include
this in your estimate of wants, will appear
from injuries, or other reasons to me from the
pressure of other business in the Department
at Washington. It is yet in your power
to secure by a strenuous representation to give
me a chance of restoration. I beg to
know what you mean to do & when you
mean to do in my behalf? Yrs. respectfully Wm. West
24 Nov. 1841.
Wm. West

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 19. 1841.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
six dies, belonging to the United States,
and transferred from your office to the
Mint, under instructions from the Secretary
of War. A seventh die has also been
received from you, evidently belonging to
an Indian medal, but not of the same se-
ries.

Mr. Eckfeldt is very confident, that,
with the dies, there were deposited a set of
steel collars or rings, and the punches used
for striking the letters. You will oblige
me if you will cause search to be
made for these articles, and to have them
sent to the Mint, if they can be found.

R. M. P.
Director.

To
J. Washington Lysow, Esq.,
Commanding General.

Min't of the U. S.
Nov. 17, 1841.

Gentlemen,
In compliance with your request
I send enclosed the memorandum of your silver
deposits made on the 15th inst.

R. M. P.
Director.

To
J. & S. Stone }
No. 18. Wall st.
N. Y.

Treasury Department
Nov. 17. 1841.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a letter
received from the Consul of the U.S. at Bremen
covering specimens of a new coinage by that Government
of 1. 6. 12 & 24. great pieces.

Very Respectfully

W. Seward
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson
Philad.^a

Letter enclosed given to Mr. Sullivan

Mount U. S.

Nov. 17, 1841.

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th was received by me this morning, with your check for \$125 enclosed; and the bag of cents, for which you asked, is forwarded, as by the above bill of lading.

H. M. P.
Director.

L. A. Coffin, Esq.,
Cash. Hudson River Bank,
Hudson, N. Y.

W. A. Arnold on Schuyler Hill
November 17, 1841

Sir By order of the Commissary General
I herewith transfer a box containing
a number of dies which have been in
store at this place since the administration
of Mr. Jefferson. He pleases to sign &
return the enclosed receipt.

Respectfully I am Sir
Yours Obedient Servant
Edwards S. Fessenden
Military Storekeeper

D. Patterson
Director US Mint
Philadelphia

London & West India Bank

Nov 15 1841

The Director of the United States Mint
will please forward me at his earliest
convenience Draft for the amount of the above
draft on London & West India Bank N.Y. \$125.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Hoffman

Minist. of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 18th, 1841.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive, this morning, your letter of the 11th inst., and am much gratified to find that the bronze medals which I sent to you have given you satisfaction.

I have no doubt that all the medals of the American Series can be obtained for electrotypes copies. I am now causing inquiry to be made for the missing ones, among in Philadelphia, and will report the result to you.

You ask my views as to the propriety of furnishing medals these honorary medals to any individuals that may apply for them. In answer I beg leave to refer you to a letter to Mr. Secretary Poinsett, of the 10th of December last, in which I ask this privilege, and state my reasons. This letter was answered on the 14th of January, and it appeared that the Secretary of the Treasury, to whose Department the affair is more immediately attached, thought some general regulation upon the subject necessary, with the President's approbation. Unfortunately, as I think, the President judged it proper to refer the question to the action of Congress, which he did in a Message

of the 25th of January last, transmitting my
annual abstract report. In this message he says:

"Applications have been frequently made at
the Mint for copies of medals struck at differ-
ent times by Congress to the officers who distin-
guished themselves in the war of the revolution and
in the last war, the dies for which are deposited
at the Mint, and it is submitted to Con-
gress whether authority shall be given to the
Mint to strike off copies of these medals, in
bronze or other metal, to supply those persons
making applications for them, at a cost not
to exceed the actual expense of striking them
off."

On this proposition Congress took no action,
and I certainly must deemed it necessary
that the question should be referred to them.
The Secretary of the Army, to whom I made
an application similar to that made to the
Secretary of War, did not doubt his power
to act in the case, and gave his consent
promptly, and without hesitation.

If you shall, now, deem the expense
of this question action of Congress necessary,
^{since} the question has ^{been} referred to them
by the late President, I go beg that you

will ~~refer~~ look at the views which I have pre-
sented in a letter to Mr. Bennett of the 5th of
February last.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant

R. M. P.

D. M.

To
Hon. J. C. Spencer,
Secretary of War.

P. S. When the series of American medals is
completed, the next point undulating inviting
attention will be to have engraved a book prepared
containing engravings of them all, with descriptions
and historical notices. I send you enclosed an
engraving of the first of the series, made recently at
the Mint, by a medal-making machine. The copy
is literally authentic, being made from the medal
itself, by the aid of an instrument, worked by the
Steam engine, which does the coining &c. This
instrument is the joint invention of our Engineer
Mr. Gebhardt, and ~~our~~ the Mechanician who
has charge of the dies, Mr. Santoni. The latter
introduced it into England some years ago, and
it was thence carried to France, but it is a truly
American invention.

Commissary General's Office

Philadelphia Nov. 13. 1841

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you that I
have received directions from the Secretary of War,
to transfer the Jefferson Series of Dies formerly
deposited at the U States Arsenal, to the U States Mint,
and have given instructions to the Military Store Keeper
to deliver them over accordingly.

I am respectfully

Yours obed: Servant
Washington Tyron
Comm^d General

Doct. W. M. Patterson

Director U S Mint

Department of War,
Washington, November 15 1861.

Sir,

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 2^d instant, respecting the means of procuring the dies for medals bearing the likeness of President Tyler. The advantages of the mode you propose, are sufficiently attested by the execution of the medal accompanying your letter; and in accordance with your suggestions, measures have been adopted to have a medallion likeness of the President taken, the execution of which has been entrusted to Mr. Peltrick, whose merit as an artist, can not be unknown to you.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt

J. C. Spencer

Doct. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Penn^a

San Antonio, Tex. 11. 1841 -
Rev. Patterson Esq.
Director. U. S. Mint.
Dear Sir -

We are in receipt
of your favor of the 8th inst. & shall
proceed to prepare the 10 tons planches
& forward them as they are finished -

Very Respectfully,
Yours obt. servt.
Gustavus Brown Esq.

Doctor Allison

W. Mint

Dear Sir,

It is not this about
the proper time for removing the application
to the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase
the lot or part of it for the use of
the United States Mint? Chamberlain
was acquainted with that gentleman &
as far as personal regard would have it
might the ^{fact} might be induced to give the
subject his early consideration.

Y^r faithful

Nov. 10. 1871

H. Cates

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 10, 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith,
my estimates of the expenses of the Mint & its
branches, for the year 1842.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

D. M. P.

Director.

To/

D. L. Smith, Esq.,

Register of Treasury.

(Estimates filed with letter to Sec. of Treas-
ury of this date.)

Treasury Department
November 9. 1841.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge to the receipt of your letter relative to the old coining presses and other machinery remaining on hand and useless at the Mint.

You are authorized to make a sale of such articles on the most advantageous terms and dispose of the proceeds as suggested in your letter - You will be pleased when you have disposed of the articles to transmit an account of sales to this office.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt

D. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia.

Wm. A. R. S.
Sec. of the Treasury

Commissary General's Office
Philadelphia P. M. Nov. 2. 1841

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1st Inst. and in reply to state, that on reference to the Military Store Kept at the United States Arsenal, I find the Vess referred to by you, are still in his possession - they are represented to be contained in six small boxes.

I am very respectfully
Yrs. most obedt.
Washington L. Brown
Comd^g General

Deaf R. M. Jackson
Quartr U. S. Army

Please deliver to the order of Mrs. J. Morris Malt
the sum of fifteen dollars for Taxes and charges
your self sent

H. A. Patterson Esq. Peterborough, N.H.

Master of the Ship

Philadelphia

Miss of the United States,
Nov. 8, 1841.

Gentlemen,

I will thank you to send me as
five tons of cut plank at once, and five
more before the navigation closes. - To be sent
of course upon the same terms as the last.

Very resp^tly,

Yr. faithful serv^t.

R. M. P.

Director.

To

Messrs. Crocker, Prov. & Co.,
Savannah,
Mass.

Mint of the U. S.
Nov. 6, 1841.

Sir,

Your letter to the Treas of the Mint,
with place & date omitted, but postmarked
New York, has been placed in my hands for reply.

By depositing Mexican dollars at the Mint,
you can be furnished with coins & half-
drives in about 3 or 4 weeks from the time
of deposit.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. D.
Director.

To
Wm. Mamey, Esq.
New York.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office -
November 6th 1841.

Sir,

Upon a revision of the subject
of your letter of the 25th ultimo, I have
concluded to allow the charge for a
newspaper for the Mint, and Messrs;
Gindlay and Retner will accordingly
be credited with the amount now suspended.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt,
J. A. Hanson
Acting Comptroller

Dr: R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

To the Treasurer of the United States

Sir

Will you do me the favor
to inform me on what terms you can furnish
me \$10,000 in dimes & half dimes, provided
I send Mexican dollars or half dollars.

Very Respectfully

Wm. H. Paine

Mint of the United States,
Nov. 5th, 1841.

Sir,

Three dies, of the head of President Jefferson, belonging to the series prepared at the Mint for Indian Medals, were, by order of the War Department, placed in the keeping of the Commissary General of Purchases, while that office was held by the first Gen. Irvine. Mr. Eckfeldt says they were carefully packed up in a box, with the collars, punches, &c., belonging to them. It is my wish to have them placed in the Mint, where are all the other dies of the series; but, before applying to the Department for this purpose, I beg leave, most respectfully to request you to have inquiry made, at your office or at the Arsenal, as to the box in question, and to let me know or whether they are still with you, in safe keeping.

Yours, &c. W. M. P., Director.

J. M. Tyson, Esq.,
Commissary General }

P.S. - Mr. Eckfeldt informs me that he took the box himself to the Arsenal.

Jameson Salford County Id

M^r Geo W Edman

November the 4th 1881

Dear Sir

This is to call your Attention to
A Lot of gold deposited in the Mint of the U S
at Philadelphia by me on the 13th Oct Last I want
you to give me All the information concerning said Lot
of gold Marked Number 1 weight 44 03 & 1/2 Hundredths
there has been a fraud perpetrated on me in buying said
gold & I wish to reach the perpetrator of said fraud
you no doubt recollect that that Lot was almost half
Silver I wish to know whether you recollect whether
that Silver was generally refused throughout the Mineral
Basis or whether it was confined to one or two & only
or whether you recollect to have noticed a large square
Bar with a kind of Tang on one end which looked
whitish give me a general description of what is recollect
by you & also by your bookkeepers who had any thing
to do with said gold & Very much oblige yours &c

Respectfully

Jameson W. Edman

Albion N.Y.
Nov. 2d / 44.

Gentlemen,

I have duly received your letter of the 30th ult. and your instructions with regard to the price of copper shall be delivered to your correspondent, John W. Lee, who called for it. I have also enclosed the memorandum of your gold deposits made on the 28th ult.

R. M. P.

To
Messrs. Peter Harnsey & Co.
New York

New York October 20th 1861

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir We enclose your favor of 28th inst. containing
a copy of a letter of Gold by Mr. Talbot for our use
and informing us the result of the assay of the Big of
Mexican Copper. Please transmit the letter for the
trouble you have taken in analyzing the Copper, we shall
inform the proprietors of the mine of the result.
Our friend Mr. S. H. Water has been called forth by
Copper

We are very Respectfully
Yours Wm. H. Burleigh
Peter H. Burleigh

The following explanation will show the cause of the
apparent increase in ^{the} Mint Estimates for 1842, over
those for 1841.

In making the Estimates for 1841, the
whole expenses of the Mint for that year, judging from
those of 1840, it was supposed would be \$77,000.
^{Under the following heads:}
~~This sum would be divided as follows~~
For Salaries of Officers & Clerks, (Specific) \$19,200.
" Compensation to Workmen, (Do.) 24,000.
" Specimens of Ores & Coins, (Do.) 1,000.
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses, being
Estimated from expenses of 1840, 32,800. 77,000.

The first three items were set down in the estimate
as they stood above, amounting to \$44,200.

For several years previous to 1841, the "Inc. & Cont.
Exps." had been kept so far within the appropriations
that, on unexpended balance, under this head, which
it was estimated would be (Dec 31, 1840,) \$24,583.

To this was added estimated Profits on Copper,
and Gains from Deposits, ^{expected to accrue} in the year 1841, — 7,500.

Which gave us available funds for the
Inc. & Cont. Exps. of 1841, amounting to \$32,083.

The sum needed ^{under} this head was, 32,800.

So that there remains to be asked for \$717. say 800.

Whole amount, ^{asked} of estimate for 1841, \$45,000.

In the former estimate this item is \$18,900, an increase of \$26,100, the
salary of one of the clerks having been raised to \$1,000.

In preparing the Estimates for 1842, the ex-
penses of the whole year were estimated, like those
~~for~~ for 1841, to be \$77,000.

Under the following heads:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks, (Specie)	\$19,200.
" Compensation to Workmen, (do)	24,000.
" Specimens of Ore & Coins, (do)	200.
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses, being	
Estimated from expenses of 1841,	33,600.
	77,000.

The first three items are stated in the estimates
as they stand above, amounting to \$43,400.

Of the appropriation for 1841, it was estimated
that there would remain ^{on the 31st} Dec 31, an unexpended
balance of \$6,343.

Adding to this Profits on Copper & Coins,
from deposits, expected ^{to accrue} in the year 1842, 6,800.

We have available funds for Inc. & Cont.

Expenses of 1842, amounting to \$13,143.

The sum must ^{under} for this head, ~~be~~ 33,600.

Leaving to be asked for \$20,457. or say 20,600.

Whole amount ^{asked} for 1842, \$611,000.

It will be seen therefore that, but for the large balance
available for 1841, the Estimates would have reached
the usual amount; By taking ~~and~~ and that the ~~reason~~
~~why the estimates for 1842 would thus for 1841~~
existence of this balance is the reason why the Estimates

for 1841 are so much less than for 1842. By diminishing
~~the balance & the "Profits" added to it~~

This balance with the "Profits" added to it, available
for 1841, was \$32,083. that available for 1842, was \$13,143.
By diminishing these the Estimates for last year would
be alike in amount, viz. \$77,000. & would differ
only in this - that in the Estimates for 1842 the item
for Specimens of Ore & Coins, is \$200 less than in those
for 1841, while the item for Inc. & Cont. Exps. is \$500
greater.

Dr.

Melter & Refiner,

1841. 1st Quarter.		Standard Wt.	
		Ounces, lbs.	Dollars, cts.
Sept. 30	To Balance, as per account rendered to this date	12,918 08	15,051 95
Nov. 30	By Silver Buttons delivered him per Invoice of Sept. No. 22.	75,440 23	87,784 99
"	" Dr. deliver him in Clippings, per Invoice of Sept. No. 22.	14,937	17,381 23
Dec. 31	By Silver Buttons delivered him per Invoice of Sept. No. 23.	40,638 30	47,288 20
"	" Dr. deliver him in Clippings, per Invoice of Sept. No. 23.	38,000	44,218 18

181,933 61 211,704 55

Use of Silver

Stand? at
Census Clas.

1844. 15.

1841. 11th Quarter

Dec. 31 By Silver Bullion received from
him from Oct. 1 to this date inclusive,
for warrants of the Supt. No. 2223, 179,795 40 209,216 46

" " " Profit & Loss, - for this amount
allowed him, for Warr. of the
Supt. No. —, for warrants, being
the amt. required to make full
the Warr. of 1840,
179,795 40 209,216 46
" " " Profit & Loss, - for this amt. al-
lowed him, for Warr. of Supt. No. 9,
for Warr. on 931,621.81 of Silver
Bullion, deliv. him from 1st Jan.
to 31 Dec. 1841 inclusive,
179,795 40 209,216 46

" " " Profit & Loss, - for this amt. al-
lowed him, for Warr. of Supt. No. 9,
for Warr. on 931,621.81 of Silver
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Memorandum

Decr 29th, 1841. He complied with the request made in the enclosed note, I visited on Decr. John R. Coates, who is confined to his room with illness.

He stated that he was quite satisfied with the offer made in my note to him of the 27th inst., namely, that if Congress made an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purchase of a lot adjoining the elliptic, the quantity of ground which should be given for this sum should be 40 feet front on the square, by 10 1/2 in depth, (the whole depth of the lot,) along the line of the Mint lot.

He also stated that if the property should, in the mean while, fall into Dr. Culbertson's hands, he knew that my terms would also be satisfactory to that gentleman.

Dear Sir

I pray you favor me with
the minutes convention any time this
morning

Yrs very respectfully
Dec 24th H.C.

J. Patterson

(With Bill of Lading No. 72.)

Mont of the United States,
Dec. 29. 1841.

Gentlemen,

Herewith you have Bill of Lading for
articles shipped yesterday, for the Branch Mint at Oklawaha
Two boxes (Nos. 1 & 2) are for the Branch at Dahlonega, Geo.,
and all the rest are for the Branch at Charlotte, N.C.

We shipped on the 23rd inst., by the Emma, I think, one
cask of acid for the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, but
lack a bill of lading, as we intended sending other things.

Will you be pleased to have it looked after as hereinafter?
The barrel, however, before they were ready. I must ~~have~~
~~that~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~sent~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~ that you may be able to forward
these articles
at an early day.

Very respectfully

Yours to

N. M. P. Director,

per Geo. F. Downing

Director's Clerk

To,
Messrs. Lafitte & Brother,
Charleston,
S.C.

Philad^a 27th Dec^r 41

Dear Sir

I fear I must have asked an
improper question, at least a premature one, respecting the quantity
of ground you would expect for the money - I must merely be
known whether any conversation passed between you and
Chambers on that subject

Yours most truly

DKC

To J^r Patterson

Albion M. L.
Dec. 27th, 1841.

Dear Sir,

~~Enclosed~~ To your note making reference
as to the quantity of ground which we expect to
get, of the lot adjoining the Albion, should an
appropriation of \$10,000 be made for such a pur-
chase, I am sure - forty feet front on the square,
~~and~~ it is but too well known that real prop-
erty has fallen considerably since you made the
purchase, and it will not, ~~therefore~~, be desirable,
that the ground next to ours is the least valu-
able part of your lot, as the remainder might
have you a Broad Street front. I think, there-
fore, that my proposal is not only fair, but
liberal.

I am glad that you have asked the question.
It is right that we should have more an un-
derstanding on the subject. Indeed the ^{inquiries} ~~question~~
will undoubtedly be asked made by the Com-
mittee of Ways & Means before they consent to set
aside the proposed appropriation.

No conversation passed between Mr. Chamber and
myself on this subject.

P. M. T.

Wm. R. Croker, Esq.

Doctor Potter

Mr. Hunt

D. P.

Please let me know at
foot of the house will wait in
the hall) whether you have
heard any thing from Washington
about the lot? —

Have you seen Mr. Chambers?
He now again offers to buy at the
amount of the Westph. for
Gulbutter. I should not
hesitate to see, unless you have
a sure prospect of selling to the
Westph. —

22 Dec. / 41

Lima, Dec^r. 18th 1841.

Sir.

Your letter of the 14th of April last, asking for information concerning the precious metals in Peru, came to hand about two weeks ago, and I have been endeavoring to collect data to enable me to give ~~the most~~ satisfactory answers to your questions, but have not yet succeeded, fully. Printed documents in relation to the Coinage are scarce and not always attainable. I could give now, a portion of the information you desire but think it best to send it all together, which I hope to be able soon to do.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your Most O^bt.

Servant

J C Pickett

R. W. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
December 18th 1841

Sir,

Your accounts of Ordinary
Expenses have been credited with
\$20, the amount of newspaper
subscription formerly suspended.

Very Respectfully
Yours O^bl^y

M. Barker
Acting Comptroller

William Hindlay Esq^r
Late Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

16 Dec 1841.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive ² 100 Treasury Drafts
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the
same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign
and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN.

Treasurer of the United States.

T. M. Patterson Esqr

Mint of the U. States,
Dec. 8, 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that
you will issue your warrant, in favor of
the Treasurer of the Mint, for six thou-
sand dollars: viz. From the appropriation

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks, \$ 2,900.

" Wages of ~~Workmen~~ ^{Workmen}, 1,300.

" Contingent Expenses, 800.

\$ 6,000.

Very respectfully,

your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

To/ Hon. Walter Forward, }
Sec. of Treasury.

Samton Dec 8. 1871
Rm Patterson Esq.
Director U.S. Mint
Sind -

Enclosed we hand
bill of 20 Regs planchets shipped to New York
to be forwarded to you per train, amounting
to \$2.50 ⁸⁰ - amount of which please
forward by canal or Rail Road to
the freight office, New York -

Enclosed also bill of 13 Regs.
shipped direct for Joh. S. Archer, amount
of which \$1.63 ⁷² please send by same
vessel on its return - Oblige

Yours
Very Respectfully
Geo. H. Davis

Albion M. D.
Dec. 15th, 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst., in which I am sorry to see that you infer from mine of the 2d, that the Club under the act of July 4, 1840, was retained for so long a period "upon my own responsibility," in order to keep the business of the Subtreasury distinct from that of the Mint proper.

I beg leave, in reply, to state, that my letter of the 2d was written to explain the reasons which influenced me in using the term "indispensable," applied to Mr. Purdy's services, in the certificate which I appended to his account;— that my views on the subject were never used to induce the influence the Treasurer in keeping ^{a clerk} Mr. Purdy in his office, and were never, in fact, communicated to him;— that I have never possessed or exercised any control over the Subtreasury, or its clerk, or any of its concerns, my whole duty with regard to it having been limited to a monthly count and report

of the money in its vaults - and that my ap-
parent interference in continuing the service of
the clerk was exclusively confined to my cor-
respondence with yourself.

R. M. P.

Dr

To
Hon. Walter Forward, /
Sec. of Treasury.)

Treasury Department
Dec^r 3^d 1841

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2^d inst, from which it seems that the Clerk under the Act of 4th July 1840 was retained for so long a period after the intimation from this Department, upon your own responsibility in order to keep the business of the sub Treasury distinct from that of the Mint proper.

Of the propriety of this course after my letter of the 20th Sept; or of the necessity for the employment of a distinct officer for the purpose of keeping up this separation after the active duties for which he was originally appointed had been pretty much ended by the repeal of the law - the Clerk may not be decided. I shall therefore direct the auditor to recognize the account as certified by you.

But as it may become proper to lay this subject before the President, should you desire to make any further explanation, I will most cheerfully submit it with the other papers.

I am Sir

very respectfully
your obed^t Serv^t

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

W. H. Burrows
Secretary of the Treasury

Mint of the United States.

Dec. 2d, 1841.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult., ^{in the Sec. H. Printing} inquiring on what grounds I considered the services of a clerk, indispensable after the repeal of the Subtreasury law, and up to the time to which he claims compensation.

~~It is not for the Treasurer of the Mint, who acts under higher authority,~~

~~By the tenth section of the act "to provide for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue," it is enacted that --- the Treasurer of the Mint of the United States, --- he and they are hereby required to keep safely, without losing or using, all the public money collected --- at any time placed in their possession and custody, till the same is ordered by the proper department or officers of the Government to be transferred or paid out." Under~~

The Treasurer of the Mint, in his connection with the deposits made under the Subtreasury act, or in any other way placed in his hands by the Treasury department, acts under the direct orders of that department, - and he does so, not only under the provision of the law which states that he is

"inquire to keep safely --- all the public money ---
--- at any time placed in his possession and custody,
till the same is ordered by the proper department or
officer of the government to be transferred or paid out,"
--- but also under the common and irrepealable
law of subordination. ~~The same~~ It was not
for him, therefore, to refuse to pay drafts
made by the Department, or to receive deposits
made by their ~~direct~~ authority, because the
subordinating law was repealable. ~~A certain~~
~~interval must~~ It was known to every one, that
a certain interval must elapse, after this repeal,
before new deposits could be admitted, and
that, in the mean while, the old deposits
must be used; and it lay with the Department
only to judge of the extent of this interval. --- Now
it is a fact that deposits continued to be made,
under authority of the Treasury Department, (I believe the
Post Office ~~was~~ out of view,) up to the 11th of October,
and that drafts ~~have~~ ^{were} presented for payment up to
the 22d of November.

The business under the Post Office Department has
been much more considerable. Deposits continued to
be made up to the 13th ult., and drafts for payment
are still presented.

In my letter to you of the 22d of September, after
~~mentioning~~ the condition of the deposits at the Mint,
I took the liberty of adding --- "While this state of
things continues, it seems to me impossible that the
Subtreasury Clerk can be dispensed with; and I
know not, indeed, how this can be done, without
giving rise to confusion, until the balances on
hand can be paid over into a new depository,
and the accounts of the office finally closed."
To this opinion I still adhered when I gave
the certificate, that, in my judgment, the services
for which Mr. Purdy asked compensation were
"indispensable." ~~In~~ I always felt an extreme
~~a disposition to~~ ^{a disposition to} ~~be~~ ^{opposed} to the ~~of~~ scheme of bringing a
treasury office into the Manufactory; but, as
~~this was done~~, it was determined that this should
be done, I used every method of keeping it as dis-
tinct as possible from the Mint paper, and I was
therefore opposed to the one Clerk having any thing
to do with it, although this was suggested by Mr.
Woodbury. Indeed the Mint Clerks are other-
wise fully employed; for although the amount of
deposits is very much diminished, their numbers,
on which the office business depends, is greater
than ~~was~~ ^{is} at any former period. --- For
these reasons, therefore, it has appeared to me

Treasury Department

Nov 30^d 1841

Sir, The First Auditor of the Treasury on whom the claim of Mr Joseph H. Purdy for services under the Act of July 6th 1840 after its repeal had been referred for settlement has addressed me an official letter asking the sanction of the head of this Department for the payment of the salary of Mr Purdy up to the 22^d inst, upon the grounds that you have certified that the services of that gentleman were "indispensable" for the whole period for which he claims.

It seems that Mr Purdy has been already paid for his services up to the date of the repeal of the law under which he was employed. In my letter to you of the 20th September last it was intimated that as the whole of the balance standing to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States in the Mint as a depository under that law had been drawn for, excepting about \$200, there would seem to be no necessity for the further employment of a Clerk. Your reply of the 22^d Sept refers to deposits made in the Mint by Postmasters, which not being authorized or sanctioned by any existing law, could not

not furnish any reason a justification for keeping up
the establishment under the repealed law - and no
authority was or could be legally given by this
Department to do so. It was accordingly presumed
that the Clerk under the Act of 4th July 1840 had been
dismissed, until the requisition of the Treasurer of the
Mint of the 3rd inst for funds to pay his salary was
received.

Before I can sanction the payment of this Clerk
under these circumstances for so long a period after the
repeal of the law, and after the intimation contained
in my letter of the 20th Sept - I must ask you to state
in detail the services performed by this Clerk under
the law in question after that date, in order that
I may understand the proper import of the term
"indispensable" contained in your certificate referred
to by the Auditor.

I am Sir

very respectfully
Yours obed^t Serv^t

W^m Fⁱⁿⁿ Woods
Secretary of the Treasury

B. M. Patterson Esq^r

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia